

## **Maryland House Bill 1708 – Oil and Other Unctuous Substances – Zoning and Land Use Requirements**

On June 1, 2006, House Bill 1708, Chapter 504, amended Section 4-405 of the Environment Article, *Annotated Code of Maryland*, as follows:

Section 4-405 (b)

(2) A person other than a vessel or a barge may not engage in any commercial or industrial operation involving these activities unless the person has:

- (i) Submitted to the Department satisfactory evidence that the operation meets all applicable county zoning and land use requirements; and
- (ii) Obtained a permit from the Department indicating that the activities are in conformity with the prescribed rules and regulations.

In order for the Department of the Environment (MDE) to authorize certain oil operations requiring a permit in Maryland, MDE must verify compliance by the owner of the business that the business meets zoning and land use requirements for the county it is located in. This requirement applies to new and renewal permit applications and must be satisfied as follows:

1. Oil Operations Permit for storage, transfer and delivery within Maryland (FORM A)– the owner shall contact the county to insure the business meets all county zoning and land use requirements and then reads, understands and signs the agreement at the end of the application. It is recommended that you maintain written approval documents from the county as part of your records at the place of business.
2. Oil Operations Permit for delivery from outside of Maryland (FORM B) – This requirement does not apply to businesses located outside of Maryland. However, an agreement signature is required.
3. Oil Operations Permit for oil-contaminated soil storage and treatment (FORM C) – the owner shall provide with this application a copy of the county approval letter and also read, understand and sign the agreement at the end of this application.
4. Oil Operations Permit for solidification of oil sludge, refuse, and/or oil mixed with other waste (FORM D) – the owner shall provide with this application a copy of the county approval letter and also read, understand and sign the agreement at the end of this application.

If the signature information is incomplete or the county approval letter is not included as required when the permit application is submitted, the owner will be notified that the Department is unable to process the application. A list of County contact numbers is provided on page 2 to assist you. If you have questions, please contact the Oil Control Program office at 410-537-3461.

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**County Contacts for Zoning, and Land Use Requirements**

Allegany	(301) 777-2199
Anne Arundel	(410) 222-7450
Baltimore	(410) 887-3391
Calvert	(410) 535-1600
Caroline	(410) 479-8100
Carroll	(410) 386-2674
Cecil	(410) 996-5225
Charles	(301) 645-0540
Dorchester	(410) 228-3234
Frederick	(301) 694-1138
Garrett	(301) 334-1920
Harford	(410) 638-2393
Howard	(410) 313-2395
Kent	(410) 778-7475
Montgomery	(410) 777-6240
Prince George's	(301) 952-3186
Queen Anne's	(410) 758-1255
St. Mary's	(301) 475-4200
Somerset	(410) 651-1726
Talbot	(410) 770-8030
Washington	(240) 313-2460
Wicomico	(410) 548-4860
Worcester	(410) 632-1200