

MDEStat Meeting

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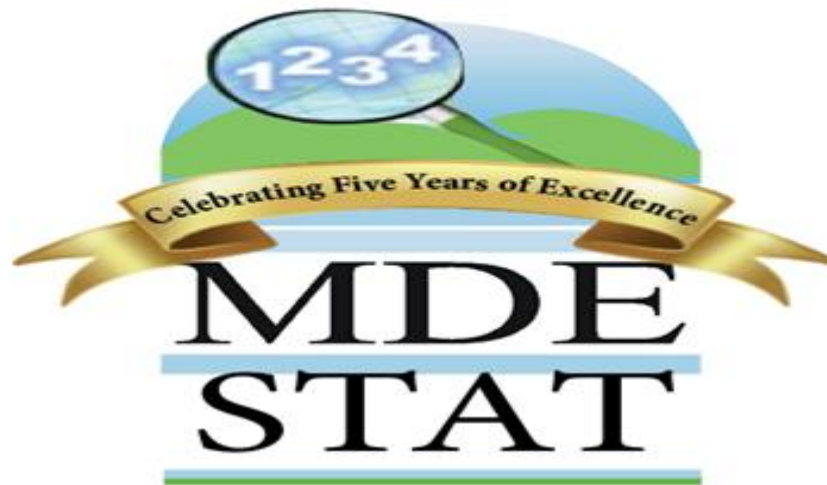


Table 1: Pending Wetlands Applications

	1/31/2011		1/22/2013		1/23/2014		5/1/14				
	Total Pending	Percent Overdue	Total Pending	Percent Overdue	Total Pending	Percent Overdue	Total Pending	Percent Overdue	Active Applications Only		
									Pending	Number Overdue	Percent Overdue
Nontidal	847	49%	381	39%	373	27.9%	359	25%	240	19	8%
Tidal	734	58%	195	16%	204	20.6%	306	14%	290	35	12%
Totals	1,581	53%	576	31%	577	25.3%	665	20%	530	54	10%

Table 2: Recent Wetlands Program Permit Turnaround Time Performance

Permit Type	Standard Turnaround Time In Months	Percent Issued in Turnaround Time FY13	Percent Issued in Turnaround Time FY14 Q3	Percent Issued in Turnaround Time FY14 (Q1-Q3)
Nontidal Minor	10	91% (584)	90.2% (156)	93.2% (533)
Nontidal Major	12	73% (154)	52.9% (18)	61.0% (47)
Tidal Minor	5	98% (812)	92.1% (164)	93.4% (596)
Tidal Major	8	90% (179)	69.2% (9)	85.7% (48)

Table 3: Overdue Annual Reports Still With Administration

Report Name	Due Date
2011 Wetlands and Waterways Program Fund (IQ803712)	Overdue – due July 1, 2011. Note: This report was completed and approved but unfortunately lost prior to submission, so it is being recreated.
Nontidal Wetlands Compensation Fund Report (IQ 803706)	Overdue – November 1, 2013
2013 Wetlands and Waterways Program Fund Report (IQ 803707)	Overdue – December 31, 2013

Table 5: In-Lieu Fee Regulations Promulgation

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ACTION	Target Date
Program/Assistant Attorney General Regulation Development Meeting	05/12/14 - PM
	05/14/14 - PM
	05/16/14
	05/20/14
	05/27/14
Submit proposed regulation package to WMA Director for 14-day review and approval.	06/03/14
Submit proposed regulation package and Governor's briefing paper to the Office of the Secretary for 14-day review and approval.	06/18/14
Submit proposed regulations package to Division of State Documents for AELR 15-day review	07/03/14

Table 5: In-Lieu Fee Regulations Promulgation

ACTION	Target Date
Submit proposed regulations package to Division of State Documents	07/21/14
Proposed action on regulations published in the Maryland Register	08/08/14
Public Hearing on proposed regulations package	08/19/14
End of comment period for proposed regulations package	09/08/14
Address comments and prepare regulation package for final publication	09/09/14 – 09/23/14
Submit final regulations package to Division of State Documents	09/24/14
Final action on regulations published in the Maryland Register	10/03/14
Effective date of regulations	10/13/14

Table 6: Compliance Program Vacancies

<u>PIN</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Recruitment Status</u>
014482	EPM I	WMA scheduling interviews*
018196	PM III	HOLD—WMA exceed number of allowable recruitments
018324	RCE III	HOLD – Pending Decision on Priority Ranking by WMA
053041	Sanitarian II	HOLD – Pending Decision on Priority Ranking by WMA
064002	ECS Supv.	WMA scheduling interviews*
064006	Admin Officer II	WMA to submit interview questions*
087287	ECS III	HOLD – Pending Hiring Exception Approval by DBM
087552	Admin Officer I	HOLD – Pending Hiring Exception Approval by DBM
087553	Admin Officer I	HOLD – Pending Decision on Priority Ranking by WMA
C-4029	RCE II	HOLD – Pending Decision on Priority Ranking by WMA

*Projected target dates TBD

Table 7: High-Hazard Dams in Service in Maryland Without Current EAPs

	1/27/14	3/20/14	5/1/14
Last EAP update was more than a year ago	NR	53	55
Last EAP update was more than three years ago	31	33	38
Last EAP update was more than five years ago	20	18	19

NR means “not requested”.

Table 8: Implementation of Online Training and Certification for the Responsible Personnel (Green Card) Program (Continued on next slide)

Date	Status
June 24, 2013	<i>MDE's powerpoint training presentation has been updated to cover the 2011 regulations and new Standards. The powerpoint has also been transcribed into a video by Michael Gebreyesus for online viewing and includes narrations from Program staff. The online web application is being tested in-house for errors prior to being released for public participation. Currently there are 30,000 certified personnel in the State that will need to be re-certified under the new regulations. The Program has been discussing with the OAG the possibility of charging for online training and certification. Express authority in the sediment control statute to pay for training materials and administrative costs does not exist. A decision to charge would require additional collaboration (and time) between the MES contractor and MDE's OIMT. Advice from the OAG is pending.</i>
September 16, 2013	<i>All of the training material (PowerPoint presentations) has been updated with the 2011 erosion and sediment control regulations. The training class has also been transformed from a PowerPoint presentation into 19 video segments that can be taken on-line, including exam and certification procedures. Project staff from SSDS are working with MES in testing the application and working out final bugs. The class should be ready for release sometime this Fall.</i>
December 2, 2013	<i>The Responsible Personnel Certification training class is currently being tested by SSDS staff. Over the next few weeks, problems that have been found will be forwarded to MES for repair and a final version will then be ready to distribute outside the Department for further testing prior to going public completely. The Program intends to ask the Soil Conservation District community to help in this regard.</i>

Table 8: Implementation of Online Training and Certification for the Responsible Personnel (Green Card) Program

Date	Status
January 23, 2014	<i>SSDS anticipates a "soft release" of the training materials on the web in February. The soft release will include anyone calling into the Department for training (approximately 12 per week) and several select Soil Conservation Districts (SCDs) that helped in the development of the on-line materials. After a successful soft release, SSDS will work with the Office of Communications to develop a press release and advertise the class statewide. MES is committed to fulfilling the entire scope of work under the current grant. Indications are that most jurisdictions and SCDs will utilize MDE's online training. Nothing, however, precludes locals from continuing to offer in-person classes. In this case, each individual taking the in-person class will need to take the on-line test in order to be officially certified. Employee e-mail addresses and login passwords will be required to authenticate each application for certification.</i>
March 20, 2014	<i>The "soft release" is underway and may be accessed at: http://167.102.241.76/nderpc/ Over 150 people have taken the class and only a few minor problems have been detected. These are being fixed and a larger release is being planned in the next couple of weeks. The Program is working with the Office of Communications for an official roll-out of the training.</i>
May 1, 2014	<i>The soft release continues; 187 people have taken the class, 166 have passed the exam and 21 people have failed. Due to MDEStat concerns regarding fraud, SSDS has made several changes to the on-line application, including adding a legal disclaimer to the application, which is currently being reviewed by the Attorney General's Office. Also, the search mode allowed anyone to print a certification of the search results; this feature has been disabled. Once MDE has received a go-ahead from the Attorney General's Office, SSDS will work with the Office of Communications to release statewide.</i>

Table 9: Sediment, Safety & Dam Safety Program Vacancies

<u><i>PIN</i></u>	<u><i>Classification</i></u>	<u><i>Recruitment Status</i></u>
014565	NRP III	HOLD – WMA exceed number of allowable recruitments
014591	RCE Supv.	HOLD – Pending Hiring Exception Approval by DBM
055439	Env. Spec. IV	HOLD – WMA exceed number of allowable recruitments
055448	RCE I-II-III	Job announcement posted 4/28/14
056437	OS III	WMA writing MS-22*
087546	RCE I	HOLD – Pending Decision on Priority Ranking by WMA
087548	RCE I-II-III	Job announcement posted 4/28/14
087550	RCE III	HOLD – Pending Decision on Priority Ranking by WMA
087551	RCE III	HOLD – Pending Decision on Priority Ranking by WMA

**Projected target dates TBD*