

Maryland Department of the Environment

MISSION

To protect and restore the quality of Maryland's air, water, and land resources, while fostering economic development, safe communities, and quality environmental education for the benefit of the environment, public health, and future generations.

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To ensure a clean environment and excellent quality of life for all Marylanders.

KEY GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Goal 1. Provide excellent customer service and community outreach.

- Obj. 1.1** Respond to 75 percent of Public Information Act (PIA) requests within 30 days of receipt.
- Obj. 1.2** Meet permit turnaround times for 90 percent of the permits processed.
- Obj. 1.3** Respond to environmental emergencies to reduce risk to public health and the environment.
- Obj. 1.4** Support and track Statewide recycling efforts.

Performance Measures	2011 Act.	2012 Act.	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Est.	2017 Est.
Percent of PIA responses issued within 30 days	62%	75%	65%	80%	85%	85%	85%
Percentage of permits processed within applicable standard time	N/A	N/A	82.1%	90.6%	92.1%	90.0%	90.0%
Number of environmental emergencies responded to	N/A	N/A	571	537	492	500	500
¹ Statewide Maryland Recycling Act (MRA) recycling rate	45.22%	45.42%	44.48%	44.35%	45.78%	46.44%	47.09%

Goal 2. Manage air quality and emissions for maximum protection of human health and the environment.

- Obj. 2.1** Achieve attainment with the eight-hour ozone and PM2.5 standards in the Baltimore and Washington metropolitan areas and Cecil County.
- Obj. 2.2** Reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.
- Obj. 2.3** Reduce emissions of criteria pollutants from power plants.

Performance Measures	2011 Act.	2012 Act.	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Est.	2017 Est.
² Number of exceedances of the eight-hour ozone standard	27	30	9	5	7	15	15
² Amount of GHG (in million tons per year) emitted from power plants	24.5	21.0	20.0	22.0	21.0	21.0	21.0
² Amount of criteria pollutants (in thousand tons per year) emitted from power plants	57	44	42	45	44	44	44

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Goal 3. Reduce Maryland citizens' exposure to hazards.

- Obj. 3.1** Improve the initial significant compliance rate at radiation machine facilities to at least 80 percent.
- Obj. 3.2** Reduce the freshwater fish tissue concentrations of mercury in all sampled areas to 0.30 mg per kg or less.
- Obj. 3.3** Ensure that Maryland shellfish are harvested from waters that are clean enough to meet National Shellfish Sanitation Program requirements.
- Obj. 3.4** Reduce the number of elevated blood lead levels found.

Performance Measures	2011 Act.	2012 Act.	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Est.	2017 Est.
Percent of inspected radiation machines in initial compliance	74%	79%	77%	80%	82%	82%	82%
Five-year median fish tissue concentrations of mercury	0.19	0.30	0.26	0.27	0.27	0.26	0.25
² Percent of required shellfish waters sampling achieved	73%	93%	90%	94%	90%	90%	90%
Number of children tested for elevated blood lead	109,534	110,539	110,082	109,031	109,576	109,905	110,235
Reported exceedances of elevated blood lead standard	452	364	371	355	327	321	295

Goal 4. Protect water resources and ensure safe and adequate drinking water.

- Obj. 4.1** Achieve 60 percent of Maryland's Chesapeake Bay nitrogen and phosphorus reduction goals by 2017, and 100 percent by 2025 (45.48 million lbs. nitrogen target by 2017 and 41.17 million lbs. by 2025; 3.01 million lbs. phosphorus target by 2017 and 2.81 million lbs. by 2025.)
- Obj. 4.2** Reduce the volume of sewage overflows by an amount equal to a 50 percent reduction of the three-year average amount (2002, 2003, 2004: 521,761,000 gallons).
- Obj. 4.3** Ensure that of the Maryland population served by public community water systems, at least 97 percent are served by systems that are in compliance with all drinking water regulations for which the department has received EPA's delegated authority approval (primacy).
- Obj. 4.4** Complete all federally-required Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) analyses to address 303d impaired waters listings.
- Obj. 4.5** Maintain 80 percent significant compliance with groundwater standards for all active municipal solid waste landfills each year.

Performance Measures	2011 Act.	2012 Act.	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Est.	2017 Est.
Annual Maryland nitrogen load to Bay (million lbs)	52.76	50.15	47.57	49.81	49.49	47.6	42.81
Annual Maryland phosphorus load to Bay (million lbs)	3.30	3.13	2.99	2.92	2.82	2.73	2.55
Percent change in gallons of sewage overflow from 2002-4 three-year average	-12%	-8%	-44%	-27%	-75%	-28%	-30%
³ Of the Maryland population served by public community water systems, percent served by systems that are in compliance with all drinking water regulations for which the department has primacy	83%	92%	98%	96%	90%	90%	90%
Percent of total required listings addressed from the schedule of 2016-2022 TMDL priority waters (federal fiscal year)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15%	29%
Percentage of municipal solid waste landfills in significant compliance with groundwater standards	91%	90%	91%	85%	90%	85%	85%

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NOTES

¹ Fiscal year 2015 is an estimate.

² Calendar year (CY) data, CY 2015 is an estimate.

³ Revised measure. Fiscal year 2015 data is only available through April 1, 2015 due to database conversion.