

adoption in 52:19 Md. R. 958—959 (September 19, 2025), has been adopted as proposed.

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MARCIA BOYLE
Acting Chair

Title 11 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Subtitle 15 MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION—VEHICLE REGISTRATION

11.15.11 Registration Transfer

Authority: Transportation Article, §§12-104(b), 13-410, 13-501, 13-502.1, and 13-503.1, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Final Action [25-180-F]

On December 2, 2025, the Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Administration adopted amendments to Regulation .02, the repeal of existing Regulation .03, and new Regulation .03 under **COMAR 11.15.11 Registration Transfer**. This action, which was proposed for adoption in 52:21 Md. R. 1075 (October 17, 2025), has been adopted as proposed.

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CHRISTINE NIZER
Administrator

Title 14 INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

Subtitle 22 COMMISSION ON CRIMINAL SENTENCING POLICY

Notice of Final Action [25-220-F]

On December 2, 2025, the Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy adopted:

- (1) Amendments to Regulations .09 and .15 under **COMAR 14.22.01 General Regulations**; and
- (2) Amendments to Regulation .02 under **COMAR 14.22.02 Criminal Offenses and Seriousness Categories**.

This action, which was proposed for adoption in 52:21 Md. R. 1076—1079 (October 17, 2025), has been adopted as proposed.

Effective Date: January 1, 2026.

DAVID SOULE
Executive Director

Title 26 DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Subtitle 11 AIR QUALITY

26.11.43 Advanced Clean Trucks Program

Authority: Environment Article, §§1-404, 2-102, 2-103, 2-301, 2-1102, 2-1103, and 2-1103.1, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Final Action [25-149-F-I]

On December 2, 2025, the Secretary of the Environment adopted amendments to Regulation .02 under **COMAR 26.11.43 Advanced Clean Trucks Program**. This action, which was proposed for adoption in 52:19 Md. R. 974—976 (September 19, 2025), has been adopted as proposed.

Effective Date: December 22, 2025.

SERENA MCILWAIN
Secretary of the Environment

Subtitle 11 AIR QUALITY

26.11.44 *Maryland Heating Fuel Provider Reporting Program*

Authority: Environment Article, §§1-404(b), 1-405, 2-101(b), 2-103(b)(1), 2-301(a)(1), §2-1203, 2-1204.2, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Final Action [25-150-F-I]

On December 2, 2025, the Secretary of the Environment adopted new Regulations .01—.06 under a new chapter, **COMAR 26.11.44 Maryland Heating Fuel Provider Reporting Program**. This action, which was proposed for adoption in 52:19 Md. R. 976—979 (September 19, 2025), has been adopted with the nonsubstantive changes shown below.

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Attorney General's Certification

In accordance with State Government Article, §10-113, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Attorney General certifies that the following changes do not differ substantively from the proposed text. The nature of the changes and the basis for this conclusion are as follows:

Authority: This revision was made in response to comments regarding the Department's legal authority to regulate fuel providers and is intended to highlight the Department's broad investigatory authority in addition to the authority initially provided. This change simply references existing law and it does not change the substance of the regulation. As such, this change does not increase the requirements or stringency of the regulation, nor does it decrease the benefits of the regulation.

Additionally, because some commenters called the Department's authority into question, it could have been reasonably anticipated by those involved in the rulemaking that the Department would point to additional legal authority.

Regulation .01: The revisions are for clarification and align with the Division of State Documents style manual.

Regulation .02: The revisions are for clarification and align with the Division of State Documents style manual.

Regulation .03: These revisions to the definitions are to align with the Division of State Documents style manual and add clarification. Therefore, there is no change to the intent or impact of the regulation.

Regulation .05: This revision, made in response to public comment, combines the four quarterly reports of monthly data into one annual report of monthly data, and thus updates the reporting schedule. The regulation as proposed would have resulted in earlier reporting of data, but because a full year of data is needed for completing the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory, the Department's ability to use the data is not affected. Though the Department initially sought quarterly reporting for accountability and monitoring the transition of covered parties to the new program, the concerns of stakeholders regarding the time and expense associated with increased reporting outweigh the benefit of increased Department oversight of data. Additionally, data reported will still be provided at a monthly resolution, thereby supporting the Department's clean air and greenhouse gas reduction initiatives. Multiple stakeholders requested this change due to the time and expense associated with increased reporting, and as such it could have been reasonably anticipated by those involved in the rulemaking. This change does not increase the requirements or stringency of the regulation, nor does it decrease the benefits of the regulation.

Regulation .06: The revisions are for clarification and to align with the Division of State Documents style manual. A single clarification was made to align with Regulation .05's nonsubstantive change combining the four quarterly reports of monthly data into one annual report of monthly data. This change was made in response to public comment and while the regulation as proposed would have resulted in earlier data reporting, the Department's ability to use the data is not affected because a full year of data is needed for completing the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory. Although the Department initially sought quarterly reporting for accountability and monitoring program transition, the stakeholders' concerns regarding the time and expense associated with increased reporting were deemed to outweigh the benefit of increased Department oversight. The data provided will still be at a monthly resolution, thereby supporting the Department's clean air and greenhouse gas reduction initiatives. Multiple stakeholders requested this change, making it a reasonably anticipated outcome of the rulemaking process. This adjustment neither increases the requirements or stringency of the regulation, nor does it decrease its benefits.

.01 Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to establish reporting requirements for heating fuel providers of the amount of heating fuel delivered for final sale or consumption in [[Maryland]] the State.

.02 Applicability.

This chapter applies to heating fuel providers delivering heating fuel in [[Maryland]] the State.

.03 Definitions.

A. (proposed text unchanged)

B. *Terms Defined.*

(1)—(2) (proposed text unchanged)

(3) *Commercial Sector.*

(a) (proposed text unchanged)

(b) *“Commercial sector” includes:*

(i)—(iv) (proposed text unchanged)

[[iv)] (v) (proposed text unchanged)

(4) (proposed text unchanged)

(5) *“Conservative missing data parameter” means data that are:*

(a) (proposed text unchanged)

(b) *Known to result in an amount of reported cubic feet, gallons, or tons for a delivery of a heating fuel under Regulation .05 of this chapter that is at least as large as the actual amount of the delivery.*

(6) *“Deliver” means, regarding a heating fuel, to physically transfer, or instruct, or otherwise cause to be physically transferred.*

(7)—(10) (proposed text unchanged)

(11) *Heating fuel.*

(a)—(b) (proposed text unchanged)

(c) *“Heating fuel” excludes does not include:*

(i)—(iv) (proposed text unchanged)

(12) *“Heating fuel provider” means a person that delivers heating fuel for final sale or consumption in [[Maryland]] the State.*

(13) (proposed text unchanged)

(14) *Industrial Sector.*

(a) (proposed text unchanged)

(b) *“Industrial sector” includes the following types of activity:*

(i)—(ii) (proposed text unchanged)

[[iv)] (iii) (proposed text unchanged)

[[vi)] (iv) (proposed text unchanged)

[[vii)] (v) (proposed text unchanged)

[[viii)] (vi) (proposed text unchanged)

(15) *Kerosene.*

(a) *“Kerosene” means a light petroleum distillate that has a maximum distillation temperature of 400 degrees Fahrenheit at the 10-percent recovery point, a final boiling point of 572 degrees Fahrenheit, and a minimum flash point of 100 degrees Fahrenheit and.*

(b) *“Kerosene” includes:*

(i) *No. 1-K and No. 2-K, as defined in ASTM D3699-25¹, and range*

(ii) *Range or stove oil.*

(16)—(25) (proposed text unchanged)

(26) *Propane.*

(a) *“Propane” means a straight-chain, paraffinic hydrocarbon, C₃H₈, extracted from natural gas or refinery gas streams, which is gaseous at standard temperature and pressure, boils at a temperature of -44 degrees Fahrenheit, and meets the specifications in ASTM D1835-22 and.*

(b) *“Propane” includes HD-5 and HD-10, as defined in ASTM D1835-22.*

(27)—(28) (proposed text unchanged)

(29) *Wood and Wood-derived Fuels.*

(a) (proposed text unchanged)

(b) *“Wood and wood-derived fuels” includes:*

(i) *Round wood (also known as cord wood);*

(ii)—(xvi) (proposed text unchanged)

.05 Fuel Delivery Reports.

A. *Beginning [[June 1, 2026]] April 1, 2027, and quarterly annually thereafter, a heating fuel provider shall submit to the Department a fuel delivery report of any heating fuel that the provider delivered for final sale or consumption in [[Maryland]] the State during the previous quarter calendar year.*

(1) *The quarterly annual fuel delivery report required under §A of this regulation this section shall contain:*

(a) *The heating fuel provider's name;*

(b) *The quarter year covered by the report; and*

(c) *The following information separated by each county and delineated by month:*

(i) *[[Separately for each County in Maryland]] Subject to subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, the total amount of cubic feet, gallons, or tons of each heating fuel delivered by type, as specified in Table 1 of §C of this regulation;*

(ii) *[[Separately for each County in Maryland]] list the sector or sectors (i.e., commercial, electric power, industrial, residential, or other energy-consuming sectors) receiving the heating fuel as specified under §A(1)(c)(i) of this regulation; and*

(iii) ~~[[Separately for each County in Maryland, if]]~~ *If the total amount or the amount for any delivery of a heating fuel is not specified in the heating fuel provider's records, invoices, or other documentation, a conservative missing data parameter for the total amount for that product.*

(2) ~~The [[quarterly]]~~ *annual fuel delivery report shall include an attestation by the heating fuel provider that the report contains the required information, which is true and correct to the best available knowledge of the heating fuel provider.*

(3) ~~The [[quarterly]]~~ *annual report to be submitted pursuant to* ~~[[§A of this regulation]]~~ *this section shall be submitted to the Department:*

(a) (proposed text unchanged)

(b) ~~No later than [[the first day of the third month after the quarter covered by the report, as follows:]]~~ *April 1 following the end of the previous year.*

~~[[i) June 1 for the reporting period January through March;~~

~~[[ii) September 1 for the reporting period April through June;~~

~~[[iii) December 1 for the reporting period July through September; and~~

~~[[iv) March 1 for the reporting period October through December.]]~~

B.—C. (proposed text unchanged)

.06 Recordkeeping Requirements.

A. ~~[[Recordkeeping Requirements.]]~~

A person subject to this chapter shall maintain the following records for at least ~~[[five]]~~ 5 years:

(1) *Copies of the ~~[[quarterly]]~~ annual reports submitted to the Department pursuant to Regulation .05 of this chapter;*

(2)—(3) (proposed text unchanged)

B. (proposed text unchanged)

SERENA MCILWAIN
Secretary