

OIL AND GAS FUND ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2025

Maryland Department of the Environment

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November 1, 2025

The Honorable William C. Ferguson
President of the Senate
State House, H-107
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Adrienne M. Jones
Speaker of the House
State House, H-101
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear President Ferguson and Speaker Jones:

As required by Section 14-124 of the Environment Article, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) submits this letter as the annual report on the Oil and Gas Fund (the Fund) for fiscal year (FY) 2025. Copies of the report are provided in accordance with Section 2-1246 of the State Government Article.

Sources of money for the Fund consist of fees, appropriations made by the General Assembly, fines and bond forfeitures collected by MDE that exceed the amount necessary to restore a site, and additional sums made available from any source. MDE is authorized to use money in the Fund solely to administer and implement programs relating to oil and gas wells.

The Fund received no revenue and made no expenditure during FY 2025. The Fund had no balance at the close of FY 2025. MDE's Mining Program administers the State's oil and gas regulatory program and, in FY 2025, the program reissued seven permits for existing wells. No new permit applications were received or issued in FY 2025. Additionally, the Mining Program performed seven gas well inspections in FY 2025, with no violations found.

If you need any additional information, please contact me at 410-537-3084, or Rick Kessler, Director of the Land and Materials Administration, at (410) 537-3304 or via email at rick.kessler@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

Serena McIlwain
Secretary

cc: Rick Kessler, Director, Land and Materials Administration