

Maryland Used Motor Oil Recycling Program Newsletter

Maryland Environmental Service

Did you know?

- Since 1988, more than 8.5 million gallons of used motor oil have been collected in Maryland for proper disposal.
- For the first half of the year 2003, the Program collected 396,300 gallons of used motor oil and 18,800 gallons of used antifreeze.
- The used oil that the Program collects through US Filter is reprocessed and used as a supplemental fuel by industrial users.
- Check out the Annual Report online www.menv.com
- Need a copy of "Guidelines For Program Participants"? Email ptant@menv.com

Important Issues that need your attention—now!!!

- You are responsible for overflow situations—not MES or the Program. Please place a sticker with a local emergency response number on the tank.
- Monitor your tank daily—to prevent overflow conditions. When your tank is 3/4 full call for collection service.
- Remove all empty containers and trash. Cleanup all spills around your collection site.
- Secondary containment is a MUST!
- If your containment area is full of rain water—it needs to be pumped out! MES has a fixed price contract for material removal. But you have to pay for it—not the Program.
- Appoint an individual to be responsible for keeping the site in order.
- Program enrollment does not exempt you from State environmental rules and regulations!

'Si lo tira, se lo toma.'

EPA offers outreach material in Spanish

*You dump it,
you drink it.*

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has announced their "You Dump It, You Drink It" used oil management outreach material, designed for Hispanic owners and managers of automotive service and repair shops and their Hispanic employees, consumers, and do-it-yourselfers (DIY'ers). EPA indicates that the materials were developed using infor-

mation collected during a series of focus groups, one-on-one telephone interviews, and on-the-job observations of employees.

A letter received from EPA announcing the initiative states that research shows that, despite the fact that about half of all automotive mechanics in the United States are Hispanic, few Spanish-language material exist for the

automotive repair industry and DIY'ers. EPA hopes to fill this void through the distribution of materials which are printed in both Spanish and English.

These documents are also available on the internet. To access the documents go to www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/usedoil/index.htm.



Rain Shelter Grant Funding Available

Maryland Environmental Service (MES) and the Maryland Used Motor Oil Recycling Program, through the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) have received funding from Carroll Fuel Company for the purpose of implementing a supplemental environmental project (SEP). The funding will be used to assist in the construction of "rain shelters" to help minimize storm water

accumulation in existing used motor oil recycling secondary containment areas. MES has received and approved grant requests from Calvert, Cecil, Frederick, Prince George's, and Washington Counties and the Towns of Mt. Airy and Sykesville. There are a few grants still available—but hurry!

MES is offering grant funding to Program participating Counties and municipalities interested in erecting a rain shelter over their existing used oil collection facilities.

Call Pat Tantum at 1-800-473-2925 to get more information and details on the specific requirements for the grants.





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Maryland Environmental Service, created in 1970, is an independent agency of the State of Maryland that provides environmental management services to both public and private entities. MES is committed to protecting and improving the environment for the citizens of Maryland.

MES administers the Maryland Used Oil Recycling Act through an intergovernmental agency (IGA) agreement on behalf of the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). With the cooperative efforts between MES and local governments and private organizations, the Program supports 162 convenient and reliable used motor oil collection locations throughout the state.

US Filter is the only contracted and authorized used motor oil and used antifreeze collection service for the Program. Report any unauthorized attempts to collect used oil or antifreeze from other vendors to Program Manager, Patricia Tantum.

First Half of 2003 Results

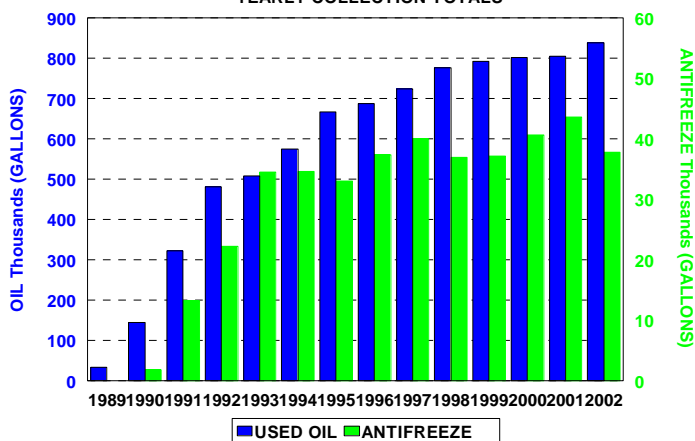
For the first half of 2003 the Program collected 396,300 gallons of used motor oil and 18,800 gallons of antifreeze. The collection rate for the same time period in 2002 is down slightly. The reduction of used motor oil collected is attributed to the very rainy spring.

Montgomery County continues to collect a very large quantity of used motor oil. During the second quarter of this year, they collected 17,600 gallons. Baltimore County's Eastern Sanitary Landfill collected 11,500 gallons and the Charles County Landfill received 10,300 gallons during the same period.

Harford County's twelve (12) drop off locations received 27,450 gallons for the second quarter of the year.

These Program accomplishments could not have occurred without **you**. Program participants play an essential part in keeping hundreds of thousands of gallons of used oil and antifreeze from polluting our precious natural resources.

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