

misdeemeanor and upon conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 plus any accrued but unpaid licensee fees.

(f) There is a Maryland Oil Disaster Containment, Clean-Up and Contingency Fund for the Department to use to develop equipment, personnel, and plans; for contingency actions to respond to, contain, clean-up, and remove from the land and waters of the State discharges of oil, petroleum products, and their by-products into, upon, or adjacent to the waters of the State; and restore natural resources damaged by discharges. The cost of containment, clean-up, removal, and restoration shall be reimbursed to the State by the person responsible for the discharge. The reimbursement shall be credited to the Fund. The Fund shall be limited in accordance with the limits set forth in this section. To this sum shall be credited every license fee, fine, if imposed by the circuit court for any county, and any other charge related to this subtitle. To this Fund shall be charged every expense the Department of the Environment has which relates to this section.

(g) Money in the Fund not needed currently to meet the Department of the Environment's obligations in the exercise of its responsibility under this section shall be deposited with the State Treasurer to the credit of the Fund, and may be invested as provided by law. Interest received on the investment shall be credited to the Fund. The Secretary of the Environment shall determine the proper allocation of the moneys credited to the Fund only for the following purposes:

(1) Administrative expenses, personnel expenses, and equipment costs of the Department related to the purposes of this section.

(2) Prevention, control, containment, clean-up, and removal of discharges into, upon, or adjacent to waters of the State of discharges of oil, petroleum products and their by-products, and the restoration of natural resources damaged by such discharges.

(3) Development of containment and clean-up equipment, plans, and procedures in accordance with the purposes of this section.

(4) Paying insurance costs by the State to extend or implement the benefits of the Fund.

(h) The Department shall provide the standing committees of the Maryland General Assembly with primary jurisdiction over this section with a status report on the Fund on or before July 1 of each year. THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE AN ACCOUNTING OF ALL MONEYS EXPENDED FOR EACH OF THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (G) OF THIS SECTION.

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(a) At any reasonable time, to carry out duties under this subtitle, a representative of the Department may enter any oil storage facility OR VESSEL OR BARGE IN OR ENTERING UPON THE WATERS OF THE STATE TO DISCHARGE OR RECEIVE A CARGO OF ANY BULK OIL:

(1) To inspect the VESSEL, BARGE, OR oil storage facility;