

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the release of treated wastewater into a water body in Amherst County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: December 11, 2024 to January 10, 2025

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Wastewater issued by DEQ pursuant to applicable water laws and regulations.

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Amherst County Service Authority, 113 Phelps Road, PO Box 100, Madison Heights, VA 24572, VPDES Permit Number VA0082546

FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: Westbriar Subdivision STP, Westbriar Place Subdivision, Madison Heights, VA 24572

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Amherst County Service Authority has applied for reissuance of a permit for the public Westbriar Subdivision STP. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage wastewaters from residential areas at a rate of 0.015 Million Gallons Per Day (MGD) into a water body. Sludge from the treatment process will be further treated by another VPDES WWTP and disposed by landfill or land applied on permitted site. The facility proposes to release the treated sewage in the Unnamed Tributary of Harris Creek in Madison Heights in the James River (Middle) watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: physical and chemical properties, organic matter, solids, bacteria, inorganics, nutrients and flow.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing on the draft permit by hand-delivery, e-mail, or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. DEQ must receive hand-delivery and postal mail by close of business and email comments by 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses or email addresses of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requester, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: TRINA MASTRAN, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL OFFICE, 901 RUSSELL DRIVE, SALEM, VIRGINIA 24153; PHONE: (540) 798-0802; E-MAIL: TRINA.MASTRAN@DEQ.VIRGINIA.GOV. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.