

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality for the withdrawal of groundwater in Newport News, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: June 5, 2016 to July 5, 2016

PERMIT NAME: Groundwater Withdrawal Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: City of Newport News; 700 Town Center Dr. Newport News, VA 23501; GW0030201

This facility is an Extraordinary Environmental Enterprise participant in Virginia's Environmental Excellence Program.

NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL: Newport News Water Works/Brackish Groundwater Desalting; 429 Waterworks Way, Newport News, VA 23608

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: City of Newport News has applied for reissuance of a permit for the Newport News Water Works/Brackish Groundwater Desalting facility in Newport News, Virginia. The permit would allow the applicant to withdraw an average of 2.45 million gallons per day which represents a reduction of approximately 65% from the previously permitted volume. The groundwater withdrawal will support maintenance of the desalting facility and supplemental water for the surface water system during periods of drought or other emergency operations. The proposed withdrawal will utilize the Potomac aquifer at a depth between 470 feet to 1170 feet below the land surface at the withdrawal site. An aquifer is a body of rock or layer of sediment in the ground in which groundwater is stored and transported. DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue the permit.

AFFECTED AREA: The radial distance from the wells to where computer modeling predicts the aquifer may experience one foot of drawdown due to the withdrawal is illustrated on a maps that can be viewed at

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WaterSupplyWaterQuantity/GroundwaterPermitting/PublicNoticesIssuedPermits.aspx>

HOW TO COMMENT AND OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers 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 requestor, 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. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the proposed permit. **CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Matthew Link; DEQ, P.O. Box 1105, Richmond, VA, 23218; Phone: 804-698-4078; E-mail: matthew.link@deq.virginia.gov; FAX: 804-698-4019. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment.