

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 Hanover County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: September 12, 2013 to October 11, 2013

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

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Aqua Virginia, Inc, 2414 Granite Ridge Road, Rockville, Virginia 23146; GW0003001

NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL: Rural Point Subdivision; two production wells are located in the central portion of Hanover County within a mile from the intersection of State Routes 606 and 643 off of Route 606 near Rural Point.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Aqua Virginia, Inc. has applied for a reissuance of a permit for the Rural Point Subdivision Public Water System in Hanover County, Virginia. The permit would allow the applicant to withdraw an average of 62,156 gallons per day, which represents a reduction from the previously permitted amount of 81,719 GPD. The groundwater withdrawal will continue to support a potable water supply for the residential consumers within the serviced area. The proposed withdrawal will utilize the Middle and Lower Potomac Aquifers at a depth between 245 feet to 452 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 map that can be viewed at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WaterSupplyWaterQuantity/GroundwaterPermitting/PublicNotices.aspx>

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments 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 requester, including how and to what extent of the 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: Dr. B. N. Sinha; DEQ – Department of Environmental Quality, P. O. Box 1105, Richmond, VA 23218; Phone: (804) 698-4229; E-mail: bhudeo.sinha@deq.virginia.gov FAX: (804)698-4032. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment.