

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 filling of state waters in Buchanan County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: For 30 days, starting from the day after the notice is in the newspaper.

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board.

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Bizzack Construction, LLC; 2265 Executive Drive, Lexington, KY 40505; VWPP No. 14-0301

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Bizzack Construction, LLC has applied for a new VWP Individual Permit to construct a 6.2 mile four-lane, limited access highway located between the U.S. Route 460 Connector Phase I, currently under construction located near Breaks Interstate Park, and the proposed Route 121 interchange located near Stewart Gap approximately 2 miles south of Harmon in Buchanan County. The project requires 15,180 linear feet of permanent stream impacts, 4,490 linear feet of temporary stream impacts, 0.65 acres of wetland impacts, and 0.71 acres of open water impacts. These stream channels are located in the Russell Fork and Levisa Fork watersheds. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. To compensate for the proposed impacts, the applicant proposed to reestablish the temporarily impacted stream channels upon completion of construction and perform stream restoration activities on Hunts Creek, Middle Fork Hunts Creek, Dotson Fork, and Cranes Nest River. DEQ's preliminary decision is to approve the permit.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by hand-delivery, 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. 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: David Nishida; DEQ Southwest Regional Office; 355-A Deadmore Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; Phone: (276) 676-4800; E-mail: david.nishida@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: (276)676-4899. 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.