

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on the draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow new and maintenance dredging of subaqueous bottom in the Elizabeth River in Norfolk.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: For 30 days, starting from the day after the notice is in the newspaper (July 31, 2014 through August 30, 2014).

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

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration Marine Operations Center - Atlantic (NOAA MOC-A), Attn: CDR Scott Sirois, 439 West York Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23510; VWPP No. 14-0448.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant has applied for issuance of a VWP individual permit to dredge the approach and berthing areas at the NOAA MOC-A facility. The areas will be dredged to a maximum depth of -27 mean low water (7 feet deeper than previously authorized) to allow for safe navigation and berthing to NOAA ships and associated vessels transitioning to and from this facility. Dredging will be via clamshell bucket or hydraulic cutterhead methods with dredged material either pumped to the upland cells of the Craney Island Dredged Material Management Area or barged in scows to the westernmost available portion of Craney Island Rehandling Basin for disposal. Two dredging cycle are expected over the ten year permit term. The activity proposed in the permit will affect the James River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. DEQ's preliminary decision is approve the permit.

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 permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS, AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Name: Sheri Kattan, Project Manager; Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality, Tidewater Regional Office, 5636 Southern Boulevard, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23462; Phone – 757-518-2156; E-mail Address – sheri.kattan@deq.virginia.gov; FAX – 757-518-2009. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment.

PASTE PRINTED COPY OF NOTICE IN
THIS SPACE

I hereby certify that the notice attached hereto in the space above appeared in

_____ on _____.
(Name of Paper) (Date)

(Signature)

(Title)

(Date)

Please return original to:

Sheri Kattan, Dept. of Environmental Quality, 5636 Southern Boulevard, Virginia Beach,
Virginia 23462.

Complete this form for the documentation of publication of the Public Notice for VWP
Individual Permit No. 14-0448.