

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on the draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the fill of surface waters to nourish the Town of Cape Charles Public Beach and the dredging of subaqueous bottom to maintain the Cape Charles City Harbor Federal Navigation Channel Project, which begins at the -18-foot contour of the Channel in the Chesapeake Bay, and continues into the Cape Charles City Harbor basin, the Mud Creek entrance channel and basin, and the Harbor of Refuge entrance channel and basin.

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: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Attn: Chris Turner, Norfolk District, Fort Norfolk, 803 Front Street, Norfolk, Virginia, 23510; VWPP No. 14-0171.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has applied for reissuance of a VWP individual permit to continue previously-authorized maintenance dredging of the Cape Charles City Harbor Federal Navigation Channel project with dredged material disposal via hydraulic pipeline to the Town of Cape Charles Public Beach or the Cape Charles City Harbor Upland Placement Site, and via scow barge to the Craney Island Eastward Expansion cross dikes. Dredging is authorized to a maximum allowable dredge depth of -22 feet MLLW in the Cape Charles City Harbor channel and basin and -14 & -11 feet MLLW in the Mud Creek and Harbor of Refuge entrance channels and basins, respectively. The activity proposed in the permit will affect the Chesapeake Bay, the Cape Charles City Harbor, Mud Creek, and Harbor of Refuge in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams.

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: Allison Hill, Project Manager; Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality, Tidewater Regional Office, 5636 Southern Boulevard, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23462; Phone: 757-518-2132; Email: Allison.Hill@deq.virginia.gov; FAX: 757-518-2009. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment.

Public Notice Verification Form

Complete this form for the documentation of publication of the Public Notice for VWP Individual Permit Number 14-0171. Please return original to: Allison Hill, Dept. of Environmental Quality, 5636 Southern Boulevard, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462.

PASTE PRINTED COPY OF NOTICE IN
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I hereby certify that the notice attached hereto in the space above appeared in

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(Signature)

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