

## Public Notice – Environmental Permit

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow a surface water withdrawal for public water supply from the James River and installation of an associated raw water line in Fluvanna County, Virginia.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** For 30 days, starting from the day after the notice is in the newspaper: **August 23, 2015 to September 21, 2015.**

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

**APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER:** James River Water Authority; c/o Fluvanna County Administrator, 132 Main Street, P.O. Box 540, Palmyra, Virginia 22963; VWPP No. 14-0343

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The James River Water Authority (JRWA) has applied for a permit reissuance for the James River Water Supply Project. JRWA proposes to construct a raw water intake on the James River, just upstream of its confluence with the Rivanna River, to meet public water supply demands of Counties of Fluvanna and Louisa. This permit action is a revoke/reissuance of VWP Permit No. 04-0805 due to a proposed change in intake location and withdrawal volumes. The permit will allow the applicant to withdraw water from the James River and install associated water lines. The proposed activity would affect permanently 0.09 acre (64 linear feet) and temporarily 0.90 acre (485 linear feet) of the James River and the installation of the water line will result in a permanent impact of 0.01 acre of palustrine forested wetland and temporarily affect 0.001 acre of palustrine emergent wetland and 120 linear feet of a stream channel. The activity proposed in the permit will affect the James River and an unnamed tributary of the Rivanna River in the James River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. Compensation for the affected area will be provided through the purchase of 0.02 wetland bank credit from an approved mitigation bank and/or from the Virginia Aquatic Resources Trust Fund. DEQ's preliminary decision is to issue 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. 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:** Sarah Marsala; VA Dept. of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 1105, Richmond, VA 23218; Phone: 703-583-3898; E-mail: Sarah.Marsala@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: 703-583-3841. 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 below.