

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a proposed permit from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) that will authorize the land application of biosolids in Madison County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: January 28, 2016 – February 29, 2016.

PERMIT: Virginia Pollution Abatement (VPA) issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board.

PERMIT NUMBER, APPLICANT NAME, AND ADDRESS: VPA00076 – Synagro Central, LLC., 10647 Tidewater Trail, Champlain, VA 22438

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Synagro Central, LLC. has submitted a permit application that would authorize the land application of biosolids to 2,024.5 gross acres on 8 sites in Madison County. The applicant proposes to utilize the biosolids on farmland without a discharge to surface waters. The biosolids will be land applied as a fertilizer at a controlled rate in accordance with a site specific nutrient management plan. The permit will limit the application of nutrients, metals, and pathogens contained in the biosolids to amounts that protect water quality and human health.

PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PERMIT DECISION PROCEDURES: DEQ's preliminary decision is to issue a permit. Based on comments received on the draft permit, DEQ may make a final decision on the permit, or hold a public hearing on the draft permit, in which case, the State Water Control Board would make the final decision on the permit.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by hand-delivery, e-mail, or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the permit number, name, mailing address and telephone number of the commenter/requester. A request for a public hearing must also include 1) Name and permit number for which the hearing is requested. 2) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 3) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 4) 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: John Thompson, DEQ- NRO, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, Virginia 22193, Phone: 703-583-3876; E-mail: john.thompson@deq.virginia.gov. The public may review the draft permit and associated documents at the webpage listed below or at the DEQ office named above by appointment, or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.
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