

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will regulate the withdrawal and discharge of surface water; fill in wetlands and streams; and dredge in streams for the Loudoun Water Potomac River project in Loudoun County, Virginia and Montgomery County, Maryland.

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: Loudoun County Sanitation Authority (d.b.a. Loudoun Water), POB 4000, 44865 Loudoun Water Way, Ashburn, VA 20146. VWP Permit Number 10-2020.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Loudoun Water has applied for a permit for the Potomac River Project. The permit will allow the applicant to: withdraw surface water from the Potomac River; store water in a non-active quarry; release treated water back to the Potomac River watershed; construct all associated infrastructure related to a river intake, water distribution lines, and raw water treatment facilities; permanently impact 0.230 of an acre of wetlands; permanently impact 848 linear feet of streambed; permanently excavate 0.350 of an acre of streambed; temporarily impact 0.219 of an acre of wetlands; and temporarily impact 824 linear feet of streambed. The permit requires that: certain instream flows are met in the Potomac River; coordination with other public supply users regarding water conservation during drought; and wetland and stream compensatory mitigation is provided. The activity proposed in the draft permit will affect the Potomac River, and unnamed tributaries of Tuscarora, Goose, and Sycolin Creeks. 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 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 requester, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit modification; and 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: Brenda Winn, DEQ, Water Division, POB 1105, Richmond, VA 23218, telephone: (804) 698-4516; email: brenda.winn@deq.virginia.gov; fax: (804) 698-4032. Street address for private carrier deliveries: DEQ, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219. The public may review the draft permit modification and request for modification at the DEQ office named above by appointment.