

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the release of treated wastewater from a regulated municipal activity into a water body in Onancock, Virginia

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: October 3, 2020 to November 3, 2020.

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit- Treated wastewater issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board.

APPLICANT NAME ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Town of Onancock, 15 North Street, Onancock, Va. 23417; Permit No. VA0021253

FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: Onancock WWTP, 23656 North Street, Onancock, VA 23417

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Town of Onancock has applied to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for the reissuance of a permit for a treated domestic wastewater discharge from the town's residences. The applicant proposes to discharge at a rate of 0.75 million gallons per day (MGD) into a water body. The sludge will be transported to the Accomack County Landfill in accordance with the provisions and requirements of Permit No. 112. The facility proposes to release the treated domestic sewage wastewaters into the North Branch of Onancock Creek which flow to Onancock Creek to the Chesapeake Bay watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: pH, carbonaceous-biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD), total suspended solids, dissolved oxygen, Enterococci, fecal coliform, total residual chlorine, ammonia-nitrogen, total recoverable copper, total phosphorus, and total nitrogen.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing hand-delivery, 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: Debra L. Thompson, DEQ Tidewater Regional Office, 5636 Southern Blvd. Va. Beach 23462. Tel: 757-518-2162; Fax: 757-518-2009. E-mail: debra.thompson@deq.virginia.gov 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 above.