



PUBLIC NOTICE - ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT APPLICATION

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a proposed reissuance of a permit that authorizes the land application of biosolids and water treatment plant residuals (WTP) in Fluvanna County, Virginia.

PUBLIC MEETING: September 30, 2021 – November 1, 2021

PERMIT NAME AND NUMBER: Virginia Pollution Abatement Permit No. VPA01578 issued by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), under the authority of the State Water Control Board.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Synagro Central, LLC has applied for a permit reissuance for 3541.4 acres of agricultural land of which 310.7 acres is new land application area. The permit authorizes the land application of biosolids and WTP residuals as fertilizer to specific sites in Fluvanna County, and limits the application of nutrients, metals, and pathogens contained in these materials to amounts that protect water quality and human health. For site-specific information about the permitted activity and additional information about the DEQ permitting program for biosolids and water treatment plant residuals, visit the following website: <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/permits-regulations/public-notice/water/land-application-virginia-pollution-abatement>.

PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PERMIT DECISION PROCEDURES: DEQ's preliminary decision is to reissue the 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: Abioye Fayiga, DEQ Central Office, PO Box 1105, Richmond, VA 23218; Phone: (804) 802-2541; E-mail: abioye.fayiga@deq.virginia.gov. The public may review the draft permit and associated documents at the DEQ office named above by appointment, or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.