

Public Notice – 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 into a waterbody in Fluvanna County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: February 3, 2022 to March 7, 2022

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Wastewater issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Fork Union Military Academy; P.O. Box 278, Fork Union, VA 23055; VA0024147

FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: Fork Union Military Academy STP; 765 Academy Road, Fork Union, VA

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Fork Union Military Academy has applied for a modification of a permit for the Fork Union Military Academy STP. The modification of the permit would remove the Total Recoverable Copper limits and replace them with monitoring only. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage wastewater at a rate of 0.099 million gallons per day into North Creek in Fluvanna County in the James River/Bear Garden/South Creek 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: physical and chemical properties, nutrients, metals, organic matter, solids, bacteria, and inorganics. Sludge from the treatment process will be dried and hauled to Old Dominion Landfill for disposal.

A water effects ratio (WER) has been established for copper per 9VAC25-260-140 F.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing on the draft modifications to the permit by hand-delivery, e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. DEQ must receive hand-delivery and postal mail by close of business and email and fax comments by 11:59 p.m. on the last day of 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:

Name: Jason Dameron; **Address:** Valley Regional Office, 4411 Early Road, P.O. Box 3000, Harrisonburg, Virginia, 22801; **Phone:** (540) 217-7485; **E-mail:** jason.dameron@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.