



# VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

## 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:** July 7, 2022 to August 8, 2022

**PERMIT NAME:** Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Wastewater issued by DEQ pursuant to applicable water laws and regulations

**APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER:** Fluvanna County; P.O. Box 540, Palmyra, VA 22963; VA0091146

**FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION:** Palmyra Area WWTP; 12964 James Madison Highway, Palmyra, VA 22963.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Fluvanna County has applied for reissuance of a permit for the Palmyra Area WWTP. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage wastewaters at a rate of 0.10 million gallons per day into the Rivanna River in Fluvanna County in the Stigger Creek-Rivanna River 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, organic matter, solids, bacteria, and inorganics. Sludge from the treatment process will be pumped and hauled to Moores Creek AWRRF where it will undergo further treatment.

This facility is subject to the requirements of 9VAC25-820 and has registered for coverage under the General VPDES Watershed Permit Regulation for Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorus Discharges and Nutrient Trading in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed in Virginia (Nutrient GP).

As a condition of this permit, the permittee will be required to offset in advance, any loads of total nitrogen or total phosphorus that are expected to be discharged in a given calendar year, in excess of those levels previously allowed by the facility's VPDES permit. The permittee may opt to install nutrient removal treatment that will maintain the existing load of nutrients discharged.

**HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING:** DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing on the draft 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 or email addresses 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.

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**E-mail:** [noel.thomas@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:noel.thomas@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.