

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) that will allow a surface water withdrawal from the Rivanna River in Fluvanna, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: For 30 days, starting from the day after the notice is in the newspaper: June 29, 2023, to July 31, 2023.

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board.

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Aqua Virginia, Inc.; 1 Running Water Way Road, Palmyra, Virginia, 22963; VWPP No. 19-2043

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Aqua Virginia Inc. has applied for the reissuance and modification of a surface water withdrawal permit for the Lake Monticello Community Water Treatment Plant (WTP) and intake. The permit will authorize a max daily water withdrawal of 1.84 million gallons from the Rivanna River and will authorize the modification of the existing intake by installing an alternate T-screen (with air-burst system), with one (1) mm intake screens and an intake velocity of less than 0.25 fps. The activity proposed in the permit will affect The Rivanna River in the Rivanna River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. DEQ's preliminary decision is to issue 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 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: Allison Major; VA Dept. of Environmental Quality, Central Office, P.O. Box 1105, Richmond, VA 23218; Phone: 804-698-4087; E-mail: allison.major@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: 804-698-4178. 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.