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March 4, 2019

Hon. Matthew J. Kelly, Chairman
George Washington Regional Commission
406 Princess Anne Street
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Re: VPDES Permit No. VA0029513, Reissuance
Thornburg Community Sewage Treatment Plant

Chairman Kelly:

Section 62.1-44.15:01 of the Code of Virginia requires DEQ to notify localities particularly affected when a permit action is pending. This letter transmits one copy of the public notice for the proposed permit action for your review. Public notice of this proposed action is also being published in a local newspaper. That publication will establish a 30 day public comment period for this proposal. If you wish to comment on this proposed action, please respond to:

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Please contact me at (703) 583-3859 or caitlin.shipman@deq.virginia.gov if you have questions. If no response is received within the 30 day public notice period, it will be assumed that you have no objections to the proposed action.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Caitlin Shipman'.

Caitlin Shipman
Environmental Specialist II

Cc: Permit Reissuance File
Enc.: Public Notice

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 water body in Spotsylvania County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: March 7, 2019 to April 8, 2019

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: Spotsylvania County, 10900 HCC Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22408, VA0029513

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY: Thornburg Community Sewage Treatment Plant, 5225 Mud Tavern Road, Woodford, VA, 22580

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Spotsylvania County has applied for a modification of a permit for the public Thornburg Community Sewage Treatment Works. In lieu of a modification, this permit is being issued for a full five year term and will supersede the previous VPDES permit no. VA0029513. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage wastewaters from residential areas water at a rate of 0.345 million gallons per day (MGD) into a water body, with additional flow tiers of 0.75 MGD and 1.5 MGD. The facility proposes to release the treated sewage wastewaters in the unnamed tributary to Po River in Spotsylvania County in the York 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, biochemical oxygen demand, carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand, total suspended solids, dissolved oxygen, ammonia, *E. coli*, total residual chlorine, total Kjeldahl nitrogen, total nitrogen, and total phosphorus. The permit requires monitoring without limitation for the following pollutants: flow, total hardness, nitrate+nitrite.

This facility is subject to the requirements of 9 VAC 25-820 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 Watershed in Virginia.

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 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 requester, 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:

The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ-Northern Regional Office by appointment, or may request electronic copies of the draft permit and fact sheet.

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