

Public Notice - Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for the withdrawal of ground water in Northumberland County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: June 25, 2025 to July 25, 2025

PERMIT NAME: Ground Water Withdrawal Permit issued by DEQ pursuant to applicable water laws and regulations

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Aqua Virginia, Inc.; 2414 Granite Ridge Rd, Rockville, VA 23146; GWI000514

NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL: Chesapeake Bay Estates Public Water Supply; Parcels #38C-15-1 and #38C-2-22, Reedville, VA 22539

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Aqua Virginia, Inc. has applied for a reissuance of a permit for the Chesapeake Bay Estates Public Water Supply. The permit would authorize the applicant to withdraw a maximum of 4,100,000 gallons per year and 940,000 gallons per month from the Potomac aquifer. The ground water withdrawal will support a non-municipal public water supply. The top of the Potomac aquifer at the proposed withdrawal site was determined to be 679 feet below land surface. An aquifer is a body of rock or layer of sediment in the ground in which ground water is stored and transported. DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue the permit. The draft permit can be viewed at <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/permits/public-notices/water/water-withdrawal>.

AFFECTED AREA: Computer modeling predicts that the aquifer will not experience one foot of drawdown due to the withdrawal.

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 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.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Caitlin Kelly; Central Office, P.O. Box 1105, Richmond, VA, 23218; Phone: 804-774-0828; E-mail: caitlin.kelly@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.