

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 overflows from a combined sewer system during wet weather events into three water bodies in Alexandria, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: July 12, 2013 to August 12, 2013

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

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: City of Alexandria
301 King Street, Room 4100, Alexandria, VA 22313
VA0087068

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY: Alexandria Combined Sewer System
Alexandria, VA 22313

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Alexandria has applied for reissuance of a permit for the public Alexandria Combined Sewer System. The applicant proposes to release combined sewer system overflows during wet weather events at an estimated annual volume of 112.8 million gallons into three water bodies. There is no sludge generated by this system. The facility proposes to release combined sewer system overflows during wet weather events in the Hooffs Run, Hunting Creek and Oronoco Bay in Alexandria in the Potomac River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit requires monitoring of the following pollutants: pH, carbonaceous-Biochemical Oxygen Demand, Total Suspended Solids, Dissolved Oxygen, Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen, Ammonia, E. coli, Nitrate+Nitrite, Total Nitrogen, Total Phosphorus, Chlorides, Total Recoverable Zinc, and Total Recoverable Copper.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by email, 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 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 documents at the DEQ-Northern Regional Office by appointment or may request electronic copies of the draft permit and fact sheet.

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