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RE: Local Government Notification of Proposed Draft Groundwater Withdrawal Permit

Dear Local Official:

The Department of Environmental Quality has received an application to withdraw groundwater in the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area. Part V. of the Groundwater Withdrawal Regulations requires that the Department of Environmental Quality send a notice of every draft permit to the board of each local governing body located within the groundwater management area where the proposed withdrawal will occur prior to the date of public notice.

In accordance with section 9VAC25-610-250 B, please find the attached notice that will be advertised in the Sussex-Surry Dispatch on March 30, 2022. The notice and associated map will be available on the DEQ website by the start of the Public Notice period. Additional information on the permit application may be obtained by contacting me.

The Department will accept comments concerning the proposed issuance of this draft permit for thirty days. All comments must be received by May 2, 2022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura Galli".

Laura Galli
Groundwater Withdrawal Permitting Team Lead
Office of Water Supply

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality for the withdrawal of groundwater in Surry, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: March 30, 2022 to May 2, 2022

PERMIT NAME: Groundwater Withdrawal Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Town of Surry; 31 Colonial Trail East, Surry, VA 23883; GW0007901

NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL: Town of Surry; 31 Colonial Trail East Surry, VA 23883

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Town of Surry has applied for a reissuance of a permit for a municipal public water supply in Surry, Virginia. The permit would authorize the applicant a groundwater withdrawal that shall not exceed 19,900,000 gallons per year and 2,500,000 gallons per month. The groundwater withdrawal will support the Town's commercial and residential water needs. The proposed withdrawal will utilize the Potomac aquifer at a depth between 330 feet to 489 feet below the land surface at the withdrawal site. An aquifer is a body of rock or layer of sediment in the ground in which groundwater is stored and transported. DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue the permit.

AFFECTED AREA: The radial distance from the wells to where computer modeling predicts the aquifer may experience one foot of drawdown due to the withdrawal is illustrated on a map that can be viewed at <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/permits-regulations/public-notices/water/water-withdrawal>

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. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the proposed permit.

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