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June 24, 2025

RE: Local Government Notification of Proposed Draft Groundwater Withdrawal Permit GWI000533

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 on or before the date of public notice.

In accordance with section 9VAC25-610-250 B, please find the attached notice that will be advertised in the *Southside Sentinel* on June 26, 2025. 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 July 28, 2025.

Sincerely,

*Nicole Reungoat*

Water Withdrawal Permit Writer
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Office of Water Withdrawal Permitting
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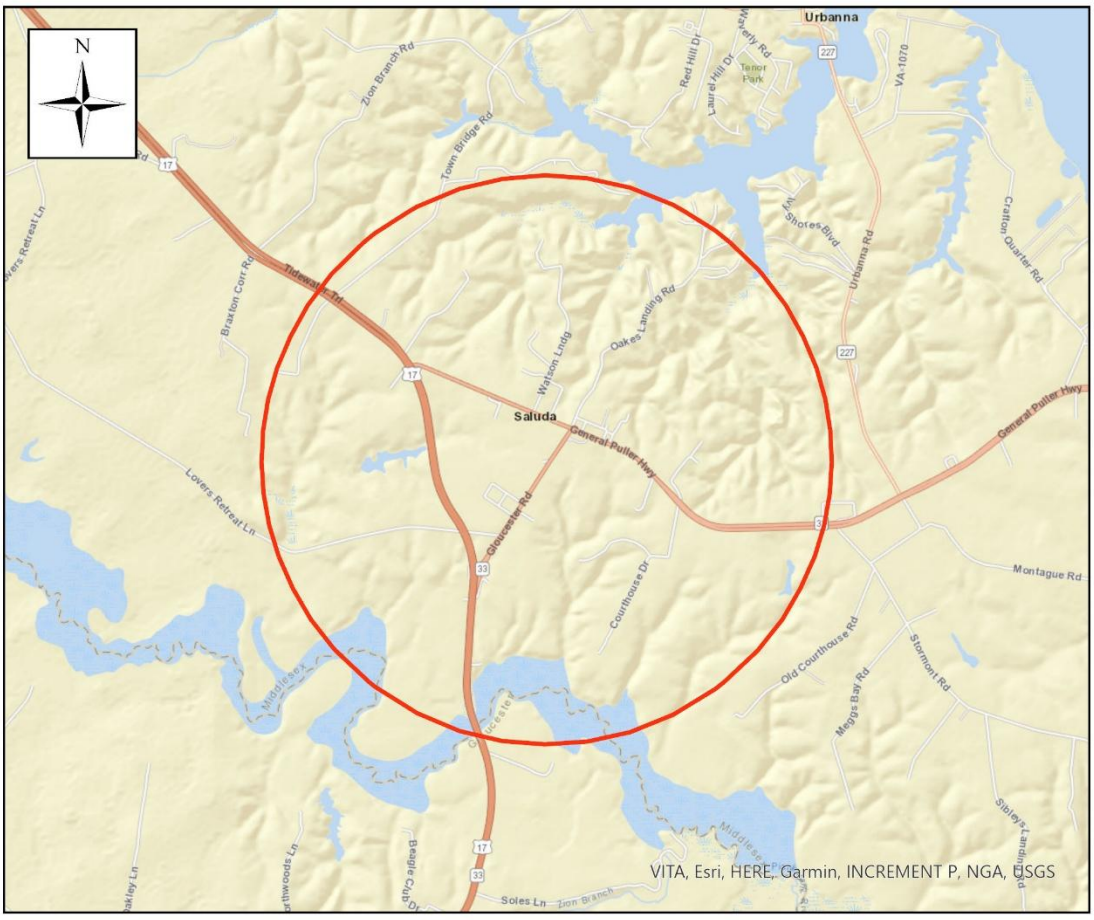
Public Notice – Environmental Permit

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 Middlesex County, Virginia.
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: June 26, 2025 to July 28, 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; GWI000533
NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL: Town of Saluda Public Water System; 731 Gloucester Rd, Saluda, VA 23149
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Aqua Virginia, Inc. has applied for reissuance of a permit for public water supply. The permit would authorize the applicant to withdraw a maximum of 21,900,000 gallons per year and 2,890,000 gallons per month from the Potomac aquifer. The ground water withdrawal will support domestic use. The top of the Potomac aquifer at the proposed withdrawal site was determined to be 515 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: 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 in the draft permit linked above.
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: Nicole Reungoat; DEQ Central Office, P.O. Box 1105, Richmond, VA, 23218; Phone: 804-698-4192; E-mail: nicole.reungoat@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.

# Town of Saluda Public Water Supply
## Area of Impact - Potomac Aquifer




Potomac AOI

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Simulated drawdown at or exceeding one foot in the Potomac aquifer resulting from a withdrawal of 21,900,000 gallons per year for 50 years from the Potomac aquifer using a two-dimensional Theis simulation.

Maximum radius of one-foot drawdown (Area of Impact) occurs approximately 1.4 miles from the pumping center.

Technical Evaluation performed by Aquaveo, LLC for the Virginia DEQ, Office of Water Supply Planning
May 29, 2025

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