

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
WATER AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION
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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21230

Notice of Public Informational Hearing

202060583/20-WL-0470, Chesapeake Utilities Pipeline Project

A virtual public hearing for only the proposed work listed below is being held to gather information and hear testimony to assist the Department in making a determination regarding an application for a wetlands license. Statements for or against this application may be presented orally through the virtual platform during the hearing or in writing to the Maryland Department of the Environment, Tidal Wetlands Division, Mary Phipps-Dickerson, 407 Race Street, Cambridge, MD, 21613, by email at Mary.Phipps-Dickerson@maryland.gov, or Telephone No. (410) 901-4033. **The virtual public hearing is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on September 17, 2020. In order to view or participate in the hearing, a participant must register at**

<https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/9170295720967923726> and directions will be electronically forwarded to the email provided. If internet service is not available, the participant may call 1-877-309-2074 and then enter access code 810-084-698 to hear the public hearing. Phone only participants will not have the ability to provide testimony during the hearing, however, statements may be provided to Mary Phipps-Dickerson by September 10, 2020 to be read during the hearing which may not be longer than three minutes in length. Information and questions can be provided orally by participants during the hearing through the virtual platform. Phone participants may provide questions about the project by September 10, 2020 to Mary Phipps-Dickerson to be answered during the hearing. Associated materials can be accessed at:

<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Water/WetlandsandWaterways/Pages/Chesapeake-Utilities-Pipeline-Project.aspx>

CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES, 500 Energy Lane, Suite 100, Dover, Delaware 19901, has applied to install approximately 10.75 miles of new 8-inch diameter buried natural gas pipeline, extending from the intersection of Merser Road and Ocean Highway (U.S. Route 13) southwest to the intersection of U.S. Route 13 and Revells Neck Road, in the Princess Anne area of Somerset County, Maryland. The pipeline will generally be located within public road rights-of-way, approximately five (5) feet from the edge of the roadway pavement and will cross wetlands and waters using trenchless construction methods, such as horizontal directional drill (HDD) including a 69-foot long section below the bottom of Manokin River, a 21-foot long section below the bottom of Taylor Branch, and a 50-foot long section below the bottom of Kings Creek. The purpose of this project is to extend natural gas to Eastern Correctional Institution (ECI) and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) and residents and businesses along the line. For more information please contact Mary Phipps-Dickerson at Mary.Phipps-Dickerson@maryland.gov or (410) 901-4033.