



PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED MAINTENANCE DREDGING  
CHESAPEAKE AND DELAWARE CANAL  
APPLICATION FOR WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 2019

Pursuant to COMAR 26.08.02, Regulation .10 Water Quality Certification, the Maryland Department of the Environment is required to give public notice of this application. Section 401 of the Clean Water Act requires the State of Maryland to issue a Water Quality Certification for any federally permitted project which may result in the discharge of dredged or fill material to waters or wetlands of the State. The purpose of the water quality certification is to advise the federal agency as to whether the permitted activity will or will not comply with Maryland's water quality standards. The purpose of this public notice is to solicit comments from the public regarding the work described below.

Applicant: Operations Division  
Philadelphia District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East  
Philadelphia, PA 19107-3391

Application # 19-WQC-01  
Chesapeake Bay, Use I and II Waters

The applicant requests a WQC for the proposed maintenance dredging of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal (Canal) and its approach channel during the period April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020 for the calendar years 2019 and 2020. The dredging will be performed as required to maintain the authorized 35-foot project depth. All material will be removed by bucket, hopper or hydraulic pipeline dredges and placed in the Pearce Creek Dredged Material Containment Facility. Based on past experience, the following quantities will be dredged:

1. Southern Approach Channel, Pooles Island to Sassafras River - approximately 700,000 cubic yards of material to be removed.
2. Sassafras River to Courthouse Point - approximately 600,000 cubic yards of material to be removed.
3. Courthouse Point to Maryland State Line within the Canal – approximately 200,000 cubic yards of material to be removed.

Any person or party interested in commenting on the probable water quality impacts of this project is requested to submit comments to Denise M. Keehner, Program Manager, Wetlands and Waterways Program, Water and Science Administration, Maryland Department of the Environment, 1800 Washington Blvd., Ste. 430, Baltimore, MD 21230, or email comments to [denise.keehner@maryland.gov](mailto:denise.keehner@maryland.gov). Comments must be received by March 8, 2019.