

**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT  
WATER AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**Dorchester County**

**Application for State Discharge Permit 20DP2801, NDPEs Permit MD2801J14:**

The Mayor and Council of Hurlock, 311 Charles Street, Hurlock, Maryland 21643 submitted an application to renew a permit to discharge an average of 725,000 gallons per day of treated domestic wastewater from the Hurlock Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 6200 Jones Village Road, Hurlock, Maryland to groundwater via a spray irrigation system.

The Department is proposing to re-issue the Permit with the following limitations and conditions: BOD5: 70 mg/l (monthly average); Total Suspended Solids: 90 mg/l (monthly average); pH, 6.5-9.5; fecal coliform: <200 MPN/100 ml (monthly average); Flow: 725,000 gal/day (yearly average); and maximum accumulated nitrogen loading limits per season for various crops: corn, 19,928 lb (Apr-Oct), soybeans, 28,258 lb (Apr-Oct) winter wheat, 9,017 lb (Nov-Mar), rye, 7,728 lb (Nov-Mar).

The following conditions are also a part of this permit: 1) The maximum hydraulic loading rate for the spray irrigation system shall be limited to 1.5"/week during March, 2"/week from April through November, and 0.5"/week during December; 2) The permittee shall monitor the groundwater quality via 11 groundwater monitoring wells; and 3) The wastewater treatment plant and spray irrigation system shall be operated by a certified operator.

The Department has received a request for a public hearing on the tentative determination for the above permit and has scheduled the hearing for **05:00 PM, December 1, 2022`** at the **Town of Hurlock, 311 Charles Street Hurlock, MD 21643.**

Persons who wish to present information regarding the tentative determination may speak at the public hearing, submit written comments at the public hearing, or submit a written statement to the Department no later than **December 8, 2022.** All comments will be considered in making a final determination.

Written comments should be addressed to the **Maryland Department of the Environment, Water and Science Administration, 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, Maryland 21230-1708, Attn.: Mrs. Mary Dela Onyemaechi, Chief, Groundwater Discharge Permits Division.** The supporting information for the tentative determination, including the draft permit and fact sheet, may be reviewed by contacting Mrs. Onyemaechi at the above address or by telephone at (410) 537-3783 or 1-800-633-6101 to schedule an appointment. Copies of documents may be procured at a cost of \$0.36 per page.

Any hearing-impaired person may request an interpreter to be present at the public hearing by giving ten working days notice to Mrs. Onyemaechi at the address or telephone number listed above.

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