MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
WATER AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Charles County

Application for State Discharge Permit 23DP0841, NDPES Permit MD0002674:

Morgantown Station, LLC, 12620 Crain Highway, Newburg, MD 20664 submitted an application for renewal of a permit to discharge an average of 6,000 gallons per day (at the time of application, this total was 207,000 gpd) of runoff from the former coal pile area, low volume waste sources, combustion residual leachate, and stormwater from a former coal-fired steam electric power facility, Morgantown Generating Station, located at 12620 Crain Highway, Newburg, MD, to the Potomac River (Use II waters).

The Department proposes to issue the permit with limits on Outfall 001, as monitored at Monitoring Point 110: total suspended solids (30 mg/L ave, 50 mg/L max); oil and grease (15 mg/L ave, 20 mg/L max); pH (range of 6.5 to 8.5). Monitoring without limits is proposed for arsenic and mercury.

The permit proposes prohibition of the use of a cooling water intake structure with a design flow of 2 MGD or greater, prohibition of discharges containing PCBs, maintenance of signs at all outfalls and monitoring points, procedures to obtain approval for the use of new water treatment additives, a condition regarding wasteload allocations for nutrients, and a requirement to maintain coverage under Maryland's general permit for industrial stormwater (20-SW).

This facility is located on a census tract with an Environmental Justice (EJ) Score in the 69th percentile of all tracts in Maryland. This EJ score has been calculated considering a combination of the following factors: pollution burden exposure, pollution burden environmental effects, sensitive populations, and socioeconomic indicators (https://mdewwp.page.link/EJ).

A copy of the draft permit, draft fact sheet, and permit application may be downloaded from the Department's website at https://mdewwp.page.link/wwpportal. At that webpage, search for State Number 23DP0841, click "More Info," and then select the desired document(s) to download.

The Department has received a request for a public hearing on the tentative determination for the above permit and has scheduled the hearing for **5:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 5, 2025** at the **La Plata Meeting Room at the Charles County Public Library La Plata Branch, 2 Garrett Ave., La Plata, MD 20646**.

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 **March 14, 2025**. 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.: Mr. Jonathan Rice, Chief, Industrial and General Permits Division**. Written comments may also be emailed to **jonathan.rice@maryland.gov**.
The supporting information for the tentative determination, including the draft permit and fact sheet, may be reviewed by contacting Mr. Rice at the above address or by telephone at (410) 537-3859 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 Mr. Rice at the address or telephone number listed above.

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