



Public Notices

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

Notice of Application for State Wetland Licenses, Private Wetland Permits, Nontidal Wetlands and Waterways Permits and/or Water Quality Certification and the Opportunity to Provide Written Comment or Request an Informational Hearing

August 15, 2020

The Water and Science Administration has received the applications listed below. A preliminary review has indicated that the listed projects may be subject to the opportunity for a public hearing once the application is substantially complete. Projects may be significantly altered during the review process. The applications and related information are available for inspection and copying. You may also request written notice of any hearing opportunity by having your name placed on the interested persons list for each project in which you are interested. To inspect the file or to have your name placed on the interested persons list, contact the assigned division at the telephone number indicated below or send an email to the assigned reviewer no later than September 15, 2020, unless otherwise noted in the Public Notice.

The Maryland Department of the Environment is following the directives of the Governor of Maryland in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and issued Executive Orders. Please be advised that public notice and hearing procedures and meetings may be impacted, including the possible re-scheduling of hearings from in-person hearings to being held virtually.

Tidal Wetlands Division - (410) 537-3571

Somerset County

202060583/20-WL-0470: 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, MD. The purpose of this project is to extend natural gas to the Eastern Correctional Institution (ECI) and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES). The pipeline will generally be located within public road rights-of-way, approximately five 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. A virtual public hearing for only the proposed work listed 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://attendee.gotowebinar.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>