

**Maryland Department of the Environment
Water and Science Administration**

Notice of Application Received

The City of Westminster, 45 W. Main St, Westminster, MD 21157, has submitted an Indirect Potable Reuse (IPR) permit application to the Maryland Department of the Environment requesting to use reclaimed water from the Westminster Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). Reclaimed water will go through a multi-stage, IPR process pursuant to Section 9-303.2 of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland. Water treated at the Westminster WWTP will undergo a second round of treatment at a new facility—the Westminster PUREWater Facility. This second round of treatment will further remove contaminants, remove and kill pathogens, and treat this water to meet drinking water standards. This reclaimed water will then enter the Cranberry Reservoir, which also receives water from Cranberry Branch. Water from Cranberry Reservoir will enter the City’s drinking water treatment plant and be treated to meet drinking water standards before being pumped to the City’s water customers.

The Westminster PUREWater Facility is located at 1117 Old New Windsor Pike, Westminster, MD 21158. In accordance with HB 1200/Ch.588 of 2022, the applicant provided an environmental justice (EJ) score for the census tract in which the project is located using the Maryland EJ Screening Tool. The EJ Score, expressed as a statewide percentile, was shown to be 36.98, which the Department has verified. The EJ indicators that contribute to this EJ score include: pollution burden exposure, pollution burden environmental effects, sensitive populations, and socioeconomic indicators (<https://mdewwp.page.link/EJ>).

To sign up to receive updates, obtain an electronic copy of the application, and for more detailed information regarding this project, visit our website at: https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Water/water_supply/Pages/WhatsNew.aspx. Information is located under Notice of Recent Applications Received - Indirect Potable Reuse Permit.

An informational meeting can be held to discuss the application and permitting process. A request for an informational meeting must be received by **November 25, 2024**. Requests should be sent to Diana Kremer by email at Diana.Kremer@maryland.gov or by phone at 410-537-3065. Hearing-impaired persons may request an interpreter at the informational meeting by contacting Diana Kremer at the number listed above at least ten working days prior to the scheduled meeting.

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