



Q1: I'm just now hearing about this project. How has the Department communicated with the public?

The public participation process, including publication of notices, is being performed according to rules and requirements in Maryland regulations. These same rules apply to every discharge permit issued by the State of Maryland. The public notice announcing the proposed permit was published 6/25/21 and 7/2/21 in the Star Democrat. The notice of public hearing was published on 9/1/21 and 9/8/21 for tonight's public hearing.

Before that, public notice of the receipt of the application was published 3/29/19 and 4/5/19. That notice provided an opportunity for anyone to be added to the interested parties list to receive additional information.

Q2: Why was the virtual public hearing scheduled for September 9, 2021 cancelled?

The virtual meeting scheduled for September 8th, 2021, was cancelled due to the Governor's Executive Order for meetings which has now come to an end.

Q3: Is there a place to go for more information?

Permit documents, as well as today's presentation, may be downloaded from the following website:
<http://bit.ly/19DP3460>

Q4: Where should I submit my comments?

*To submit a comment, it will need to be written down. Submit written comments via email to Mary Dela Onyemaechi at mary.dewa@maryland.gov or submit written comments via mail, addressed to Maryland Department of the Environment, Water and Science Administration, 1800 Washington Blvd., Suite 455 Baltimore, Maryland 21230-1708, Attn: Mary Dela Onyemaechi, Chief, Groundwater Discharge Permits Division. **Please note: written comments carry the same weight as testimony given at the public hearing.***

Q5: By when do I have to submit my comments?

Written comments may be submitted to the Department through 5:00 PM on Friday, November 5, 2021. Comments with a post-mark of November 5, 2021 will be accepted as on time.

Q6: Why were changes made to the first draft permit?

Based on comments received after the first tentative determination, changes were made to the draft permit. Details on the changes can be found in the fact sheet.

Q7: What will prevent effluent from pooling, oversaturating the soil, or running off into streams?

Section I.C.2 of the discharge permit stipulates that irrigation of treated wastewater shall not take place during periods of precipitation, high winds, freezing conditions, or saturated soil. At no time shall spray irrigation be conducted on areas with bare unvegetated soils or with groundwater table depth less than 2' from ground surface. Excessive irrigation resulting in surface runoff or ponding is prohibited.

Q8: Has a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) been developed, submitted, and approved by MDE?

The NMP dated 6/2/2020 was submitted to MDE. It was reviewed and found to be satisfactory.