

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment and announce a public hearing on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) that will allow the release of treated wastewater into a water body in Loudoun County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: September 19, 2025 to November 6, 2025

PUBLIC HEARING: Waterford Elementary School, 15513 Loyalty Road, Waterford, VA 20197 on October 22, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

PURPOSE OF HEARING: To obtain input from the public related to the draft permit for DEQ's consideration.

INFORMATION BRIEFING: Waterford Elementary School, 15513 Loyalty Road, Waterford, VA 20197 on October 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Municipal Wastewater issued by DEQ, pursuant to applicable water laws and regulations.

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Loudoun County Sanitation Authority d.b.a. Loudoun Water, P.O. Box 400, Ashburn, VA 20146, VA0060500

FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: Waterford Wastewater Treatment Facility, 40024 Old Wheatland Rd., Waterford, VA 20197

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Loudoun County Sanitation Authority d.b.a. Loudoun Water has applied for a reissuance of a permit for the public Waterford Wastewater Treatment Facility. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage wastewater from residential areas at a rate of 0.058 million gallons per day into a water body. Sludge from the treatment process will be hauled to the Broad Run Water Reclamation Facility for disposal. The facility proposes to release the treated sewage wastewater into South Fork Catoctin Creek in Loudoun County in the Potomac River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: Bacteria, Nutrients, Organic Matter, Physical & Chemical Properties, Solids, and Inorganics.

ISSUES RAISED BY PUBLIC: The previous public comment period was from July 12, 2025 to August 11, 2025. The comments received at that time were related to requests to ensure the permit discharge volume remains as existing and concerns of water quality impacts due to an increased discharge volume from the wastewater treatment plant should the plant expand in the future.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts comments by hand-delivery, e-mail, or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. DEQ must receive hand-delivery and postal mail by close of business and email comments by 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses or email addresses of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. DEQ also accepts written and oral comments at public hearings. To make a statement at a public hearing, write your name on a sign-up sheet available before the hearing. You may sign up only for yourself. The time allowed for each statement is set by the hearing officer. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named below.

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