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Re: VPDES Permit No. VA0091651, Reissuance Public Hearing
Rush River WWTP

Dear Ms. Hunter:

Thank you for your participation in the subject permit process. Our Regional Director has authorized a second public comment period with a public hearing.

This letter transmits one copy of the public notice for the comment period and public hearing on the proposed permit issuance for the Rush River WWTP. Public notice of this proposed action is being published in the *Rappahannock News* on February 23 and March 2, 2006.

DEQ received numerous comments on the proposed permit issuance, including questions on the potential impact of the proposed discharge during low/zero flow conditions in the Rush River, potential impact of the proposed discharge on the recreational uses of the Rush River, consideration of alternative sewage treatment options, stream health assessment through in-stream/effluent screening/monitoring, impacts to property values, potential odor problems, continued operation and maintenance of the wastewater treatment system, nutrient offsets and trading, stream classification, rights of landowners, concerns with impacts to economy/agriculture and impacts to health and environment. Based on the number of comments, DEQ moved forward with the public hearing procedures.

The public comment period will be from February 24, 2006, and will end on April 12, 2006. Written comments may be submitted during this period. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2006, at the Rappahannock High School Auditorium. The hearing is the only time we will accept oral comments. An informal briefing and question and answer period will commence at 6:30 PM, with the hearing scheduled to begin at 7:00 PM. A member of the State Water Control Board will serve as the Hearing Officer.

Please contact me at (703) 583-3863 or saoakes@deq.virginia.gov if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Susan A. Oakes
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Enc.: Public Notice for the Public Hearing