

NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

SC Department of Health and Environmental Control
Bureau of Water
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

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**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON A
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT**

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Bureau of Water, will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, and public hearing on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, for the applicants below:

APPLICANT: PALMETTO WASTEWATER RECLAMATION LLC, FACILITY NAME: ALPINE UTILITIES STOOP CREEK WWTP (LEXINGTON COUNTY/COLUMBIA EQC OFFICE), NPDES permit #SC0029483, 1710 WOODCREEK FARMS RD, ELGIN, SC 29045-8755. The facility is located on the south side of Bush River Road, 1,000 feet east of I-20 intersection on the west side of Stoop creek and the north side of Newberry-Laurens Railroad in Lexington County. The facility has 1 discharge point: 001-treated sanitary wastewater, discharging to: Stoop Creek to Saluda River; The Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code for the facility is 6552. The receiving streams are classified Class FW: freshwaters suitable for primary and secondary contact recreation and as a source for drinking water supply after conventional treatment in accordance with the requirements of the Department. Suitable for fishing and the survival and propagation of a balanced indigenous aquatic community of fauna and flora. Suitable also for industrial and agricultural uses. Sludge solids will be transported to the Richland County Landfill #402400-1101 under conditions outlined in the NPDES permit.

APPLICANT: SYNERGY UTILITIES LP, FACILITY NAME: SYNERGY UTILITIES LP/BUSH RIVER WWTP (LEXINGTON COUNTY/COLUMBIA EQC OFFICE), NPDES permit #SC0032743, 816 E MAIN ST, LEXINGTON, SC 29072. The facility is located approximately 1000 feet upstream of Interstate 26 bridge over the Saluda River in Lexington County. The facility has 1 discharge point: 001-treated sanitary wastewater, discharging to: Saluda River; The Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code for the facility is 6552. The receiving streams are classified Class TPGT: freshwaters suitable for supporting growth of stocked trout populations and a balanced indigenous aquatic community of fauna and flora. Suitable also for uses listed in Freshwaters. Sludge solids will be transported to Waste Management Inc.'s Richland Landfill #402401-1101 (formerly DWP-126) under conditions outlined in the NPDES permit.

APPLICANT: PALMETTO WASTEWATER RECLAMATION LLC, FACILITY NAME: WOODLAND HILLS WEST SD (LEXINGTON COUNTY/COLUMBIA EQC OFFICE), NPDES permit #SC0029475, 1710 WOODCREEK FARMS RD, ELGIN, SC 29045-8755. The facility is located about 300 ft upstream of Interstate-20 bridge over the Lower Saluda River in Lexington County. The facility has 1 discharge point: 001-treated sanitary wastewater, discharging to: Saluda River; The Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code for the facility is 6552. The receiving streams are classified Class TPGT: freshwaters suitable for supporting growth of stocked trout populations and a balanced indigenous aquatic community of fauna and flora. Suitable also for uses listed in Freshwaters.

In response to the high public interest in the Lower Saluda River, The Department has decided to hold a public meeting and public hearing to receive comments on the proposed permits and their conditions.

The public meeting with Midlands Rivers Coalition will be held at 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, in the Peoples Auditorium located at 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201. This is an informal meeting to update the public on the Midlands Rivers Coalition, the summer monitoring program, the 208 Plan and the issues DHEC is evaluating in the renewal of the NPDES permits.

The public hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, in the Peoples Auditorium located at 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201. The hearing will be conducted by a hearing examiner designated by the South Carolina Board of Health and Environmental Control. The hearing examiner will utilize such procedures as may be necessary to insure that the hearing will be conducted in an orderly and expeditious manner. Formal rules of evidence will not apply. Both oral and written comments will be accepted; however, the hearing examiner reserves the right to fix reasonable limits on the length of oral presentations and may limit the number of representatives that may make oral statements on behalf of any individual or organized group. Any individuals with disabilities or special needs who wish to participate in these proceedings or review the Department's files on this should contact the person listed below by two weeks before the hearing date to discuss any special aids or services required.

Written comments may also be submitted to the Department. These comments must be received no later than Friday, April 13, 2018 and they should be addressed to the attention of: Andrew J Edwards; South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control; Bureau of Water; 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; Telephone: 803-898-1271. The permit number(s) should be placed at the top of the first page of comments. The Department of Health and Environmental Control is not involved in zoning, land use, or property value issues. You should contact your local County or Municipal officials for questions or concerns on these issues.

The staff of the Department shall arrive at a decision to issue or deny the Permit for discharge or may modify any terms and conditions of the draft Permit based on consideration of the required standards, the Permit application, statements by the public, statements by other government agencies and any other pertinent information. Notification of final determinations by staff to issue or deny the Permit shall be mailed to following: the applicant; all persons attending the public hearing; all persons submitting written comments; and concerned State and Federal agencies.

Additional information on proposed permit determinations and on hearing procedures is available by writing or calling the Department at the above address or telephone number. Copies of a specific application or draft permit of interest to an individual, organization, or company must be requested in writing. A fee schedule has been established for processing these requests: Reproduction of documents - \$0.25 per page. Requests must be mailed to the Freedom of Information Office at 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201, phone number: 803-898-3882; or requests may be faxed to the Freedom of Information Office at 803-898-3816. Arrangements can be made to review all the permit information at the Freedom of Information Office on the third floor of the Sims Building across from Peoples Auditorium.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons you know will be interested in this matter.

