

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that would allow impacts to wetlands and open water in Norfolk, Virginia

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: October 28, 2025 to December 2, 2025

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by DEQ pursuant to applicable water laws and regulations

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Norfolk Airport Authority; 2200 Norview Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia 23518; VWPP Permit No. 25-1550

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant has applied for a new permit for the Norfolk International Airport Air Operations Area (AOA) Tree Clearing project. The project is located at 2200 Norview Avenue in Norfolk, Virginia. The proposed activity is the removal of trees along the southern boundaries of the airport to manage wildlife hazards within the Air Operations Area (AOA) and grade and fill as necessary to prevent standing water adjacent to runways and taxiways on an approximately 36.12-acre site. The proposed activity would affect 3.82 acres of wetlands and 0.97 acres of open water. The proposed activity would affect Little Creek in the James River watershed. To compensate for the surface waters affected, the applicant would purchase 7.14 wetland mitigation credits. DEQ's tentative decision is to issue the permit.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts written comments and requests for public hearing 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. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses or email addresses of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: KIM PHAN; Tidewater Regional Office, 5636 Southern Boulevard, Virginia Beach, VA 23462; Phone: 757-705-9250; E-mail: kim.phan@deq.virginia.gov. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.