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Public hearing scheduled to gather comments on Alcoa permit

RALEIGH – The state Division of Water Resources will hold a public hearing July 1 in Albemarle to obtain feedback on a combined wastewater and stormwater draft permit for the Alcoa Badin Works facility in Badin.

The facility is required to have a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, or NPDES, permit to cover discharges of wastewater and stormwater to an unnamed tributary to Little Mountain Creek and Badin Lake in the Yadkin-Pee Dee River basin. The draft permit under review is a renewal of permit #NC0004308.

The Alcoa Badin Works facility operated as an aluminum smelter plant until July 2007 when it ceased operations. The facility no longer discharges process wastewater but previous on-site activities contribute to pollutants of concern in commingled groundwater and stormwater runoff.

The public hearing will begin at 6 p.m. July 1 at the Stanly County Commissioner's Commons Meeting Room, 1000 North First St., Albemarle. Speaker sign-up begins at 5 p.m. If possible, speakers are asked to provide a written copy of their comments to the hearing officer.

Written comments on the draft permit will also be accepted by mail until July 1. Comments should be mailed to: Teresa Rodriguez, N.C. Division of Water Resources, NPDES Unit, 1617 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1617. All comments submitted should reference permit #NC0004308.

The N.C. Division of Water Resources placed the required notice about the public hearing and comment period in two Albemarle-area newspapers of wide circulation earlier this month.

The draft permit and related documents are online at:
http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/swp/ps/npdes/calendar/-/journal_content/56_INSTANCE_x3Sw/38364/25033679.

Printed copies of the application and related documents are available for review during normal business hours at the Division of Water Resources Central Office, 512 North Salisbury St., Raleigh. Please call 919-807-6387 to make an appointment to review documents at this office. Hard copies of the application and related documents are also available for review at the division's Mooresville Regional Office, 610 East Center Ave., Suite 301, Mooresville. Please call 704-663-1699 to make an appointment to review documents at the Mooresville office.

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