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Public hearing scheduled for July 30 on Martin Marietta's water withdrawal permit

RALEIGH – The N.C. Division of Water Resources will hold a public hearing July 30 on a permit Martin Marietta Materials needs to remove water from its quarry in Vanceboro.

The state agency is seeking public feedback on a permit that would allow Martin Marietta to remove up to 12 million gallons of water a day from two aquifers in Beaufort County.

The hearing is at 6 p.m. in the auditorium of Building 8 at Beaufort County Community College, 5337 Highway 264 East, Washington. Speaker registration and sign-in will begin at 5 p.m.

Martin Marietta Materials is the nation's second largest producer of construction aggregates used primarily to build highways and other infrastructure projects.

The permit is required because the quarry is in the Central Coastal Plain Capacity Use Area, a 15-county region of eastern North Carolina created in 2002 to address the depletion and overuse of groundwater. A state program requires permits of anyone using more than 100,000 gallons of water per day.

As part of the public hearing's ground rules, state officials are requesting that people submit written copies of oral comments. The length of the oral comments may be limited, based on the number of people who wish to speak.

Please mail written comments to Gabrielle Chianese, N.C. Division of Water Resources, 1611 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1611. Comments may also be submitted electronically to CCPCUA@lists.ncmail.net. The comment period ends at 5 p.m. Aug. 31.

The application, supporting documentation and early registration form can be found online at http://www.ncwater.org/CCPCUA/?menu=vanceboro_public_hearing. Files also can be reviewed at the N.C. Division of Water Resources' offices in the Archdale Building, 512 North Salisbury St., Raleigh, N.C. 27604. To schedule an appointment to review the files, please contact Gabrielle Chianese at gabrielle.chianese@ncdenr.gov, or 919-707-9008.

Martin Marietta is also seeking a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit from the N.C. Division of Water Quality to address a proposed discharge of stormwater and groundwater from the mine to streams that are tributaries to Blounts Creek. The decision on that permit is pending.

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