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## Public Notice

### Central Coastal Plain Capacity Use Area Draft Permit

Notice is hereby given of proposal to reissue a permit for water withdrawals in the Central Coastal Plain Capacity Use Area (CCPCUA).

This permit would allow Vanguard Farms Inc. (approximately 0.6 miles southwest of the intersection of US 17 and Wilmar Rd), with draft permit # CU1106, to withdraw and use a maximum of 3,000,000 gallons of ground water per day from the Castle Hayne aquifer in Craven County for the purpose of aquaculture. The withdrawn water will be disposed of through ditches that lead to an unnamed tributary which flows to Palmetto Swamp (NPDES permit ?).

Water withdrawals will be measured by an approved measuring device and pumping water levels shall not be allowed to drop below the top of the confining unit for the aquifer that the well is screened in. Additionally, any changes in ground water quantity or water quality due to permitted withdrawals will be reviewed and alternate pumping levels may be established. The permittee shall be required to submit monthly reports of metered withdrawals and measured water levels, and the permit may be revoked if there are any violations of permit conditions.

The draft permit and supporting documentation is available for review during normal business hours at the Division office in the Archdale Building at 512 North Salisbury Street in Raleigh, North Carolina (phone: 919-707-9008).

This proposed permit shall become final unless, within 18 business days of issuance of this notice which is no later than October 29, 2020, a request for a hearing is made. Any water user wishing to contest the proposed action may be entitled to a hearing upon a timely request. The request, with valid substantiation for a hearing, should be submitted to:

Division of Water Resources/Ground Water Management Branch  
Department of Environmental Quality  
1611 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-1611  
Attn: Capacity Use Administration (Archdale -11<sup>th</sup> floor)

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