



Lehigh Valley Planning Commission

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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, April 23, 2024, 10:30 AM AGENDA

THE MEETING CAN BE ACCESSED AT <https://tinyurl.com/LVPC2024> OR VIA PHONE 610-477-5793 Conf ID: 928 251 831#.

Roll Call

Courtesy of the Floor

Committee Business:

1. *ACTION ITEM:* Delaware River Basin Commission Review – Application to Renew Approval of Existing Wastewater Treatment Plant and Discharge – Slatington Borough (CR)
2. *ACTION ITEM:* Delaware River Basin Commission Review – Application to Renew Approval of Existing Wastewater Treatment Plant and Discharge – Walnutport Mobile Home Park, Walnutport Borough (CR)
3. *ACTION ITEM:* Delaware River Basin Commission Review – Application to Renew Approval of Existing Groundwater Withdrawal and Approve Additional Source – BlueTriton/Green Waltz Water Co., Washington Township (CR)
4. *ACTION ITEM:* Delaware River Basin Commission Review – Application to Renew Approval of Existing Non-Contact Cooling Water Discharge – Heidelberg Materials, Lower Nazareth Township (CR)
5. *INFORMATION ITEM:* Pennsylvania Land Conservation Conference (CM)

New Business:

1. *INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM:* We Have Moved
 - a. *INFORMATION ITEM:* LVPC’S new office at 615 Waterfront Drive, Suite 201, Allentown, PA, 18102
 - b. *DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM:* Keeping Meetings Virtual? Or Move to Hybrid or In-Person?

Next Environment Committee Meeting:
May 21, 2024 at 10:30 AM



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Re: DRBC Review – Application to Renew Approval of Existing Wastewater Treatment Plant and Discharge – Slatington Borough Slatington Borough, Lehigh County Docket No. D-2003-015 CP-4

Dear Ms. Bush:

The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC), at its regular monthly meeting on April 25, 2024, reviewed the above-referenced application. Our review was based on the adopted plans and policies of the LVPC. We offer the following comments.

The purpose of the application is to renew the approval of the applicant’s existing 1.5 million gallons per day wastewater treatment plant and related discharge. The average flow to the plant is 830,000 gallons per day. The plant serves Slatington Borough and Washington Township in Lehigh County and Lehigh Township and Walnutport Borough in Northampton County and is located to the west of the Lehigh River on Railroad Street. No expansion or modification of the treatment plant is proposed with this application.

The applicant’s wastewater treatment plant will continue to serve the needs of its customers and aligns with the *FutureLV: The Regional Plan* action to ‘protect the quality and quantity of surface water and groundwater’ (of Policy 3.2). Per DRBC documentation, no substantial adverse impacts are anticipated with the continued operation of the plant. In addition, DRBC may modify or suspend its approval or any permit condition to mitigate adverse impacts.

Please call me if you have any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely,

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**Re: DRBC Review – Application to Renew Approval of Existing Wastewater Treatment Plant and Discharge – Walnutport Mobile Home Park
Lehigh Township, Northampton County
Docket No. D-2014-021 CP-3**

Dear Ms. Bush:

The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC), at its regular monthly meeting on April 25, 2024, reviewed the above-referenced application. Our review was based on the adopted plans and policies of the LVPC. We offer the following comments.

The purpose of the application is to renew the approval of the applicant’s existing 50,000 gallons per day wastewater treatment plant and related discharge. The average flow to the plant is 7,000-9,000 gallons per day. The plant serves 98 units at the Walnutport Mobile Home Park and is located on Best Avenue in Lehigh Township, Northampton County. No expansion or modification of the treatment plant is proposed with this application.

The applicant’s wastewater treatment plant will continue to serve the needs of its customers and aligns with the *FutureLV: The Regional Plan* action to ‘protect the quality and quantity of surface water and groundwater” (of Policy 3.2). Per DRBC documentation, no substantial adverse impacts are anticipated with the continued operation of the plant. In addition, DRBC may modify or suspend its approval or any permit condition to mitigate adverse impacts.

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Re: DRBC Review – Application to Renew Approval of Existing Groundwater Withdrawal and Approve Additional Source - BlueTriton Brands, Inc./Green Waltz Water Company Washington Township, Northampton County Docket No. D-1998-055-7

Dear Ms. Bush:

The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC), at its regular monthly meeting on April 25, 2024, reviewed the above-referenced application. Our review was based on the adopted plans and policies of the LVPC. We offer the following comments.

The purpose of the application is to renew approval of the BlueTriton Brands, Inc./Green Waltz Water Company's existing groundwater withdrawal of up to 17.05 million gallons per month (mgm) from two existing borehole sources and approve a new borehole source to continue to supply their bottling facilities located in Upper Macungie Township, Lehigh County. The total combined groundwater allocation from all sources will remain at 17.05 mgm. The purpose of the new source is to provide operational flexibility for the Green Waltz facility. The applicant anticipates the current allocation of groundwater to meet its demands over the next ten years, therefore, no increase in allocation is proposed with this application. The applicant will continue to implement an on-going, long-term groundwater monitoring program and maintain a pass-by flow of 1.05 cubic feet/second in Greenwalk Creek.

The project aligns with the *FutureLV: The Regional Plan* action to 'protect the quality and quantity of surface water and groundwater' (of Policy 3.2). According to Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) documentation, no substantial adverse impacts are anticipated with the continued withdrawal. In addition, DRBC may modify or suspend its approval or any permit condition to mitigate adverse impacts.

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**Re: DRBC Review – Application to Renew Approval of Existing Non-Contact Cooling Discharge – Heidelberg Materials US Cement LLC
Lower Nazareth Township, Northampton County
Docket No. D-2009-016-4**

Dear Ms. Bush:

The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC), at its regular monthly meeting on April 25, 2024, reviewed the above-referenced application. Our review was based on the adopted plans and policies of the LVPC. We offer the following comments.

The purpose of the application is to renew the approval of an existing 350,000 gallons per day of non-contact cooling discharge from the applicant’s manufacturing facility, which is located at Route 248 and Easton Road in Lower Nazareth Township, Northampton County. The current discharge from the plant is 260,000 gallons per day. No expansion or modification of the facility is proposed with this application.

The project aligns with the *FutureLV: The Regional Plan* action to ‘protect the quality and quantity of surface water and groundwater’ (of Policy 3.2). According to Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) documentation, no substantial adverse impacts are anticipated with the continued withdrawal. In addition, DRBC may modify or suspend its approval or any permit condition to mitigate adverse impacts.

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