



Lehigh Valley Planning Commission

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**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 10:30 AM
AGENDA**

**THE MEETING CAN BE ACCESSED AT <http://www.tinyurl.com/LVPC2026> OR VIA PHONE
610-477-5793 Conf ID: 947 550 319#**

Roll Call

Courtesy of the Floor

1. New Staff Introductions
 - a. Beth Ritter-Guth, Director of Research and Innovation Data

Committee Business:

1. **ACTION ITEM:** Delaware River Basin Commission Review – Application to Renew Approval of an Existing Groundwater Withdrawal Project – Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom - South Whitehall Township (CR)
2. **ACTION ITEM:** Delaware River Basin Commission Review – Application to Renew Approval of Existing Non-Contact Cooling Discharge – Amrize Cement, Inc. – Whitehall Township (CR)
3. **ACTION ITEM:** Delaware River Basin Commission Review – Application to Renew Approval of an Existing Surface Water Withdrawal Project – Easton Suburban Water Authority – City of Easton (CR)
4. **UPDATE ITEM:** Trail Gap Analysis and Trail Connection Strategy Project (CM)

Next Environment Committee Meeting

February 24, 2026, 10:30 AM



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Ms. Pamela Bush
Delaware River Basin Commission
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**Re: DRBC Review – Application to Renew Approval of Existing Groundwater Withdrawal -
Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom
South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County
Docket No. D-2012-009-3**

Dear Ms. Bush:

The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC), at its regular monthly meeting on January 22, 2026, 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 groundwater withdrawal of up to 8.0 million gallons per month of groundwater from five existing wells (Wells 1,4,5,7, and 9) for irrigation, non-contact cooling, water rides and features at the applicant's amusement park. The allocation is a reduction from the previous allocation of 13.14 million gallons per month and is based on revised demands. The system serves only non-potable water to the amusement park for irrigation, non-contact cooling, water rides and water features. The applicant purchases its potable water supply from South Whitehall Township. The applicant anticipates the current allocation of groundwater to meet its demands over the next ten years.

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.

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 Non-Contact Cooling
Discharge – Amrize Cement, Inc.
Whitehall Township, Lehigh County
Docket No. D-1975-115-4**

Dear Ms. Bush:

The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC), at its regular monthly meeting on January 22, 2026, 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 3.21 million gallons per day (mgd) non-contact cooling discharge (2.41 mgd from Outfall No.001 and 0.80 mgd from Outfall No. 002) from the applicant's cement manufacturing facility, which is located at 5160 Main Street, adjacent to the Lehigh River, in Whitehall Township, Lehigh County. The current discharge from the plant is 2.79 million 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 discharge. 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 Surface Water Withdrawal
Easton Suburban Water Authority
City of Easton, Northampton County
Docket No. D-1999-062 CP-3**

Dear Ms. Bush:

The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC), at its regular monthly meeting on January 22, 2026, 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 Authority's existing surface water allocation of up to 323.0 million gallons per month (mgm) or 10.42 million gallons per day (mgd) of surface water to continue to supply its public water supply distribution system from an existing surface water intake on the Delaware River. The system serves all or portions of the City of Easton; West Easton, Wilson and Glendon Boroughs; and Lower Nazareth, Williams, Bethlehem, Forks and Palmer Townships, all located in Northampton County. The Authority anticipates the current allocation of surface water to meet its demands over the next ten years, therefore, no increase in allocation 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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