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Division of Water and Waste Management
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

**TWO PROPOSED GENERAL PERMITS TO REGULATE THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:
WVGS10000 - LAND APPLICATION OF SEWAGE SLUDGE AND/OR DOMESTIC SEPTAGE
WVGS20000 - DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE SLUDGE AND/OR DOMESTIC SEPTAGE
AT PUBLICLY OWNED SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES**

The Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Division of Water and Waste Management (DWWM) is proposing to reissue two General Permits to facilitate sludge management regulatory procedures for septic tank cleaners. DWWM plans to issue these general permits under the authority and mandate of the West Virginia Sewage Sludge Management Regulations (Title 33, Series 2).

Any owner of a sewage or septic pumping operation that can qualify under the terms and conditions of one of these proposed General Permits may apply. Those accepting General Permit coverage agree to comply with all permit terms and conditions. However, the DWWM Director can require any owner to apply for and obtain an individual permit. The Director can exercise this authority when it is determined that such a permit will better protect human health and the environment.

New individuals seeking coverage under these General Permits must complete and submit a permit registration application form. To allow for continued coverage during the reissuance process, the DWWM will extend permit coverage for six months to all individuals who currently are registered under these two (2) General Permits. These individuals will be required to submit a permit registration reissuance application for continued coverage beyond the extension date.

The draft permits and fact sheets may be inspected by appointment between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Department of Environmental Protection, DWWM-Permitting, 601 57th Street, S.E., Charleston, WV 25304. Copies of the documents may also be requested by phone or email.

Any interested persons may submit written comments on the draft permit. **Comments will be accepted until October 05, 2025.** They should be addressed to:

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All comments received within this period will be considered prior to acting on the Draft Permit. Correspondence should include the name, address, and telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues being raised. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever a finding is made, on the basis of requests, that there is a significant degree of public interest on issues relevant to the draft General Permits. Interested persons may contact Pamela Houston to obtain further information.