

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
WATER AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION
Notice of Application Received for State Permit
and Holding of Public Informational Hearing

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The Water and Science Administration (Administration) is reviewing the application for the State Permit listed below. The application and related information are on file with the Administration at the main office; arrangements may be made for inspection and copying. In addition information about the application and meetings with stakeholders can be found here:

https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Water/water_supply/Pages/DeepCreekLakeRenewalProcessFor09.aspx

Opportunity is afforded to individuals to provide written comments, to participate in a public hearing, or to be placed on an interested persons list for the listed application. Any further notices about actions on an application will be provided only by mail to those individuals on a mailing list of interested persons. A public informational hearing has been scheduled on October 15, 2019 at 3:00 PM, at the Auditorium of Garrett College, 687 Mosser Rd, McHenry, MD 21541. The close of the public comment period will be determined at the public hearing. All inquiries and requests should include the permit application number; your name, address and telephone number; and should be addressed to John Grace, Chief, Source Protection and Appropriation Division, Water Supply Program, 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, Maryland 21230. Telephone: (410) 537-3590. Comments may also be submitted by email to john.grace@maryland.gov.

GA1992S009/09 – Brookfield Power Piney & Deep Creek LLC, 126 Lamberton Lane, Hawley, Pennsylvania 18428 has applied to increase an existing allocation from an annual average of 94,000,000 gallons per day (gpd) to 128,000,000 gpd. There is no proposed change to the maximum daily withdrawal of 420,000,000 gallons. Water will be withdrawn from Deep Creek Lake and used for the operation of the Deep Creek Station hydroelectric generation facility.

The reason for the requested average annual increase is to account for higher flow volumes into Deep Creek Lake during years of high precipitation since the initial permit was issued. Permit conditions of the current permit were reviewed with the involvement of many stakeholders. Modifications to permit conditions under consideration are expected to achieve a greater beneficial use of the resource.