

NOTICE for PUBLIC COMMENT

PRASA Vega Baja Water Treatment Plant Vega Baja, Puerto Rico

SUMMARY

The Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority (PRASA) has applied for renewal of its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the Vega Baja Water Treatment Plant (WTP) in Vega Baja.

The Vega Baja Water Treatment Plant (WTP) is a filtration plant that treats water from the Indio River to provide clean drinking water to various wards of the Municipality of Vega Baja. Wastewater from the treatment plant is discharged to the Indio River.

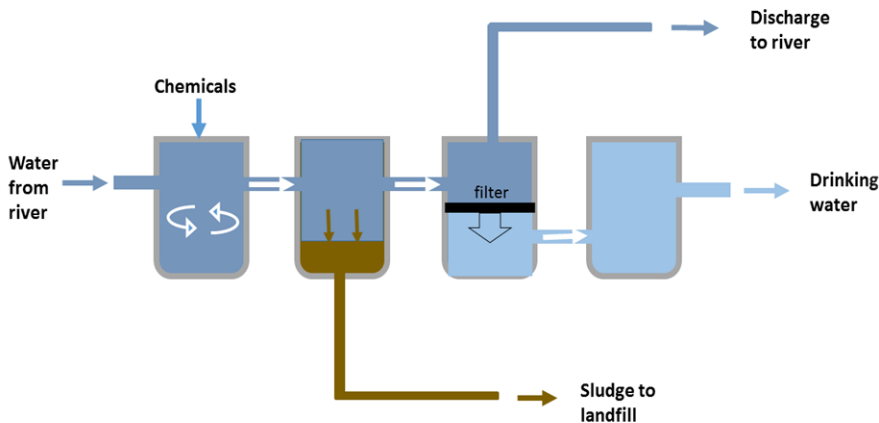
The NPDES permit ensures that the amount of discharge and the amount of contaminants in the discharge remains below levels that are safe for the environment and public health consumption.

How to Access the Draft Permit Documents

Copies of the draft permit documents can be found on EPA's website at:
www.epa.gov/region02/water/permits.html

Hard copies are located at:

Casa Alcaldía de Vega Baja.



PRASA VEGA BAJA FLOW SCHEMATIC

This diagram summarizes the WTP process. This is based on a scenario where there is maximum water flowing in the treatment plant. The actual amounts of water may be less.

DRAFT PERMIT CONDITIONS

The permit establishes numeric water quality effluent limitations for several pollutants, including pH, dissolved oxygen, temperature, taste and odor, color, turbidity sulfates, total ammonia, suspended solids, and metals.

The permit limits the WTP's numeric flow effluent pursuant to Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board (PREQB) and other conditions.

Under NPDES the permit specifies requirements for recording and reporting monitoring results of the numeric effluent limitations described above.

Vega Baja Water Treatment Plant Facility Location

How to Submit Public Comments

Any interested parties can submit written comments on the draft permit during the public comment period, which is between Thursday August 4th, 2016 and Tuesday September 6th, 2016.

During this time, a public hearing can also be requested on these documents.

The request must:

1. Be in writing
2. State the issues that you want to be raised in the hearing
3. Be submitted to the Director of the Caribbean Environmental Protection Division Office

The submission of written comments and/or requests for a public hearing can be sent to:

**EPA Region 2 Caribbean Environmental
Protection Division Office
City View Plaza II
Suite 70000, #48 RD. 165 Km, 1.2
Guaynabo, PR 00968**

If you would like to request additional information or have questions about the permit, please contact:

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