



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION III**

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites the public to comment on its preliminary Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI) based on the EPA Environmental Assessment (EA) and the FONSI prepared by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP). This FONSI is related to upgrades at the Glen Morgan Wastewater Treatment Plant operated by the Shady Spring Public Service District (PSD) in Raleigh County, West Virginia¹. EPA has prepared this FONSI as part of its independent environmental review of the project and the environmental review conducted by WVDEP pursuant to Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and EPA's NEPA procedures under 40 CFR part 6.

- **FONSI:** EPA has concluded that the environmental impacts of the Glen Morgan Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades are expected to be minimal, and as such, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared. EPA's assessment concurs with WVDEP's findings that no adverse environmental impacts are anticipated from the implementation of this project.
- **EA:** EPA assessed four (4) courses of action to evaluate the effects of project implementation on environmental resources: three (3) alternative actions and a No Action alternative. The EA did not identify significant effects to resources as a result of implementing any of the four (4) actions.

EPA is holding a 30-day public comment period from September 14, 2023 through October 13, 2023. Comments should be submitted to EPA on or prior to October 13, 2023 via email to R3CommunityProjects@epa.gov or in writing to:

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EPA will consider all comments received prior to making a final decision. The preliminary FONSI will become final after the 30-day comment period expires if no new significant information is provided to alter this finding.

EPA's preliminary FONSI, the EA, and the supporting WVDEP documents are available for download from EPA's NEPA Compliance Database at <https://cdxapps.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-II/public/action/nepa/details?nepaId=432454>, and for public review at the EPA office noted above and at the Shady Spring PSD.

¹ This project will be partially financed with EPA funding appropriated by Congress under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (P.L. 117-328).