Public Hearing Registration U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 61 Forsyth Street, SW Atlanta, GA 30303-8960

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, (EPA) is holding a public hearing to allow interested persons to submit oral or written comments and data regarding EPA's specific objection to a North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NC DEQ) proposed National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The proposed NPDES permit that will be the subject of the hearing is the proposed NPDES Permit for City of Asheboro Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP, or Facility). The applicant is the City of Asheboro, and the North Carolina NPDES Permit Number is NC0026123. The Facility is located in Randolph County, North Carolina.

Date and Locations

The public hearing will be held on October 22, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the JB and Claire Davis Corporate Training Center at Randolph Community College, 413 Industrial Park Avenue, Asheboro, North Carolina 27205. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. Please note: EPA may close the hearing 15 minutes after the last pre-registered speaker has commented if there are no additional speakers present.

Hearing Procedures and Comments

All persons interested in EPA's specific objection to the City of Asheboro WWTP NPDES permit are invited to attend the public hearing. If you wish to contribute comments, statements, data, and other information to EPA regarding the specific objections you may:

(1) submit written comments at the hearing; (2) send written comments to EPA at: Environmental Protection Agency, NPDES Permitting Section, Water Division, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, GA 30303-8960; (3) email comments to R4NPDESComments@epa.gov or (4) present oral comments at the hearing.

If you are interested in attending the hearing, EPA encourages you to arrive early and pre-register at least 72 hours before the hearing at the following website: Event Registration. Pre-registering for the hearing will allow EPA to improve meeting planning and maximize opportunities for interested parties to provide oral comments. EPA will generally assign speaking slots in the order received but may make adjustments to the speaking order to accommodate requests to speak within the time available.

The hearing will be conducted in a hybrid manner; registration for virtual attendance can be found at the following link: <u>Event Registration</u>. Once registered, all persons will receive a link for the meeting and those attending virtually can log in at the time of the hearing. Persons

attending virtually will be instructed on how to submit written comments during or after the hearing, up until the close of the period for receiving public comments but will not be able to present oral comments during the hearing.

The hearing will begin with brief presentations by EPA and a neutral process facilitator, followed by oral comments from interested persons. Oral comments will be limited to three (3) minutes each to ensure more opportunities for interested persons to speak. Though every effort will be made to accommodate all requests for a speaking time, US EPA cannot guarantee that all persons will have an opportunity to contribute oral comments. As noted above, EPA also encourages interested persons to provide written comments.