

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment and announce a public hearing on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) that will allow the release of treated noncontact cooling water into a water body in Louisa County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: January 29, 2026, to April 3, 2026

PUBLIC HEARING: Louisa County Middle School located at 1009 Davis Hwy., Mineral, VA 23117 on March 19, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., and will end when public comment is complete or 8:00 p.m., whichever is earlier.

INCLEMENT WEATHER DATE: In the event of inclement weather on March 19, 2026 as determined by closure of Louisa County Public Schools, the public hearing will be held at Louisa County Middle School located at 1009 Davis Hwy., Mineral, VA 23117 on April 2, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., and will end when public comment is complete or 8:00 p.m., whichever is earlier.

PURPOSE OF HEARING: To obtain input from the public related to the draft permit for DEQ's consideration.

INFORMATION BRIEFING: Louisa County Middle School located at 1009 Davis Hwy., Mineral, VA 23117 on March 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Noncontact Cooling Water issued by DEQ, pursuant to applicable water laws and regulations.

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Amazon Data Services, Inc.; 410 Terry Avenue North, Seattle, WA, 98109; VA0093319

FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: Amazon Data Services Inc. – Lake Anna Tech Campus; Haley Drive & Kentucky Springs Road, Mineral, VA 23177

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Amazon Data Services, Inc. has applied for a new permit for the private Amazon Data Services Inc. – Lake Anna Tech Campus. The applicant proposes to release treated noncontact cooling water at a rate of 280,000 gallons per day into a water body. Residual solids generated during the process will be dewatered and disposed off-site in accordance with state and federal regulations. The facility proposes to release the treated noncontact cooling water in Sedges Creek in Louisa County in the York River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: physical and chemical properties, thermal, and metals.

ISSUES RAISED BY PUBLIC: The previous public comment period was from November 13, 2025, to December 15, 2025. The comments received at that time were related to concerns degrading water quality in Lake Anna as a result of the facility discharge, water usage and water discharge rates, and construction impacts on the environment.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts comments by hand-delivery, e-mail, or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. DEQ must receive hand-delivery and postal mail by close of business and email comments by 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses or email addresses of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. DEQ also accepts written and oral comments at public hearings. To make a statement at a public hearing, write your name on a sign-up sheet available before the hearing. You may sign up only for yourself. The time allowed for each statement is set by the hearing officer. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named below.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL

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