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HRSD ISSUES SPECIAL PERMIT TO ASSIST SOUTHEASTERN PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY

VIRGINIA BEACH – [HRSD](#) is working with the Southeastern Public Service Authority (SPSA) to assist the agency's need to reduce the leachate that has built up within its Suffolk landfill. HRSD's Industrial Wastewater Discharge Regulations limit SPSA to less than 50,000 gallons per day discharged to HRSD's Nansemond Treatment Plant in Suffolk. In order to accommodate more volume, the leachate will be distributed to four other HRSD treatment plants that can each accept up to 50,000 gallons per day via a pump and haul operation. This pump and haul operation will begin Thursday, May 11 and is permitted through December 2017.

The leachate is not hazardous; however it contains high levels of organic content which are difficult to treat at high volumes when directly discharged at treatment plants. HRSD has imposed strict permit requirements on SPSA for this pump and haul operation and will be monitoring the process through regular sampling and analysis as well as regular inspections throughout the permit timeframe.

Each discharge site was selected to ensure the waste would be treated at a different treatment plant. The specific locations were selected to minimize impact to motorists and residential neighborhoods.

Pump and haul operations will take place at the following locations:

- Freeman Drive pump station in Hampton
- Terminal Avenue between 17th and 21st Streets in Newport News
- Patrick Henry pump station at G Avenue operations center in Newport News
- Washington District pump station on Great Bridge Boulevard in Chesapeake

All of these locations are HRSD owned and operated facilities with space to accommodate the trucks and equipment which will be used to pump out the leachate.

HRSD's mission is to protect public health and the waters of Hampton Roads by treating wastewater effectively. A political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, HRSD was created by public referendum in 1940 and currently serves 18 cities and counties in southeast Virginia, an area with a population of 1.7 million.

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