



**STATE OF MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
WATER AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION**



WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

CERTIFICATION NUMBER: 21-WQC-0003

ISSUED TO: Delmarva Power and Light Company
401 Eagle Run Road
Newark, DE 19714
Attn: Nick Pellegrino

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 5, 2021

PROJECT LOCATION: Cambridge Substation in Cambridge to the East New Market Substation in East New Market, Maryland

DESCRIPTION OF CERTIFIED PROJECT: Rebuild the existing electric line (Circuit Number 6719) from the Cambridge Substation in Cambridge to the East New Market Substation in East New Market, Maryland temporarily impacting 211,723 square feet of nontidal wetlands, 212,707 square feet of 25-foot nontidal wetland buffer, 1,201 square feet of the 100-year nontidal floodplain; permanently impacting 351 square feet of nontidal wetlands, 318 square feet of 25-foot nontidal wetland buffer and 6 square feet of the 100-year floodplain. The project also includes replacement of 218 linear feet of electric line above Indian Creek (Tidal Waters).

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

UNDER AUTHORITY OF SECTION 401 OF THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT AND ITS AMENDMENTS AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9-313 THROUGH § 9-323, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE, ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, WATER AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION HAS DETERMINED THAT THE REGULATED ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED IN THE REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED REBUILD OF EXISTING ELECTRIC LINE (Circuit Number 6719) WILL NOT VIOLATE MARYLAND'S WATER QUALITY STANDARDS, IF CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS OF THIS CERTIFICATION INCLUDING THE INDIVIDUAL PERMIT CONDITIONS.

THIS CERTIFICATION DOES NOT RELIEVE THE APPLICANT OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR OBTAINING ANY OTHER APPROVALS, LICENSES, OR PERMITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL REQUIREMENTS AND DOES NOT AUTHORIZE COMMENCEMENT OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT. A COPY OF THIS REQUIRED CERTIFICATION HAS BEEN SENT TO THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS. THE CERTIFICATION HOLDER SHALL COMPLY WITH THE CONDITIONS LISTED BELOW.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. This Certification does not obviate the need to obtain required authorizations or approvals from other State, federal or local agencies as required by law.

Statement of Necessity for Condition: The condition is necessary to ensure that water quality standards are met.

Citation: Federal and state laws that authorize this condition include but are not limited to: 33 U.S.C. § 1341(a), (b), & (d); 33 U.S.C. § 1251(b); 33 U.S.C. § 1370; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 1, Subtitles 3 and 4; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 5, Subtitles 5 and 9; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 9, Subtitle 3; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 16; COMAR 26.08; COMAR 26.08.02.10G(3); COMAR 26.08.02.06; COMAR 26.17.04; COMAR 26.23; COMAR 26.24; COMAR 26.23.02.06

2. This Certification does not authorize any injury to private property, any invasion of rights, or any infringement of federal, state, or local laws or regulations.

Statement of Necessity for Condition: The condition is necessary to clarify the scope of this certification to ensure compliance with water quality regulations, without limiting restrictions through other requirements.

Citation: Federal and state laws that authorize this condition include but are not limited to: 33 U.S.C. § 1341(a), (b), & (d); 33 U.S.C. § 1251(b); 33 U.S.C. § 1370; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 1, Subtitles 3 and 4; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 5, Subtitles 5 and 9; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 9, Subtitle 3; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 16; COMAR 26.08, COMAR 26.08.02.10E; COMAR 26.23.02.06; COMAR 26.17.04; COMAR 26.23; COMAR 26.24

3. The Certification Holder shall allow authorized representatives of the Department access to the site of authorized activities during normal business hours to conduct inspections and evaluations of the operations and records necessary to assure compliance with this Certification.

Statement of Necessity for Condition: Conditions of certification involve precise actions to comply with water quality standards. Site inspection may be necessary to ensure that limits, methods, and other requirements are met to ensure that water quality standards are met and designated uses are maintained.

Citation: Federal and state laws that authorize this condition include but are not limited to: 33 U.S.C. § 1341(a), (b), & (d); 33 U.S.C. § 1251(b); 33 U.S.C. § 1370; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 1, Subtitles 3 and 4; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 5, Subtitles 5 and 9; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 9, Subtitle 3; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 16; COMAR 26.08; COMAR 26.23.02.06; COMAR 26.23; COMAR 26.24; COMAR 26.17.04

21-WQC-0003

4. The Certification Holder shall meet all performance standards and conditions required by the Department for activities in tidal wetlands, nontidal waterways, their 100-year floodplains, nontidal wetlands, nontidal wetland buffers, or nontidal wetland expanded buffers to ensure that any discharges which may enter waters of this State will not result in a failure to comply with water quality standards in COMAR 26.08.02. or other water quality requirements of state law or regulation.

Statement of Necessity for Condition: The condition is necessary to ensure that water quality standards are met and that designated uses of waters are maintained.

Citation: Federal and state laws that authorize this condition include but are not limited to: 33 U.S.C. § 1341(a), (b), & (d); 33 U.S.C. § 1251(b); 33 U.S.C. § 1370; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 1, Subtitles 3 and 4; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 5, Subtitles 5 and 9; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 9, Subtitle 3; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 16; COMAR 26.08; COMAR 26.08.02.10G(3); COMAR 26.17.04; COMAR 26.23; COMAR 26.24; COMAR 26.08.02.10E; COMAR 26.23.02.06

5. The Certification Holder shall obtain any and all additional authorizations or approvals, including self-certifying General Permits issued by MDE, and shall comply with all conditions of such authorizations.

Statement of Necessity for Condition: The condition is necessary to ensure that water quality standards are met and to maintain designated uses of waters.

Citation: Federal and state laws that authorize this condition include but are not limited to: 33 U.S.C. § 1341(a), (b), & (d); 33 U.S.C. § 1251(b); 33 U.S.C. § 1370; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 1, Subtitles 3 and 4; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 5, Subtitles 5 and 9; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 9, Subtitle 3; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 16; COMAR 26.08; COMAR 26.08.02.10G(3); COMAR 26.23.02.06; COMAR 26.17.01; COMAR 26.23; COMAR 26.24

6. The proposed project shall be constructed in accordance with the approved final plan by the Department, or, if Department approval is not required, the plan approved by the ACOE; and its approved revisions.

Statement of Necessity for Condition: The condition is necessary to ensure that water quality standards are met and designated uses are maintained.

Citation: Federal and state laws that authorize this condition include but are not limited to: 33 U.S.C. § 1341(a), (b), & (d); 33 U.S.C. § 1251(b); 33 U.S.C. § 1370; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 1, Subtitles 3 and 4; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 5, Subtitles 5 and 9; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 9, Subtitle 3; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 16; COMAR 26.08; COMAR 26.08.02.10G(3); COMAR 26.08.02.02B(1); 26.08.02.03B(1)(b); 26.08.02.03B(2)(e); COMAR 26.23.02.06; COMAR 26.17.04; COMAR 26.23; COMAR 26.24; COMAR 26.23.02.06

21-WQC-0003

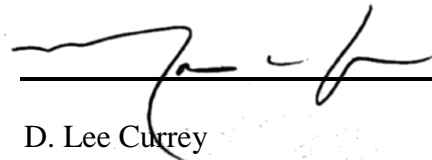
7. This Certification is valid for the project identified herein and the associated U.S. Army Corps of Engineers authorization 202060183 until such time that it expires or is not administratively extended.

Statement of Necessity for Condition: This condition is necessary to qualify the period of applicability of the terms and conditions of this Certification to be protective of Maryland water quality standards.

Citations: Federal and state laws that authorize this condition include but are not limited to: 33 U.S.C. § 1341(a), (b), & (d); 33 U.S.C. § 1251(b); 33 U.S.C. § 1370; 40 C.F.R. 121, 15 C.F.R. 930, Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 1, Subtitles 3 and 4; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 5, Subtitles 5 and 9; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 9, Subtitle 3; Md. Ann. Code, Env. Article, Title 16; COMAR 26.08; COMAR 26.23.02.06; COMAR 26.23; COMAR 26.24; COMAR 26.17.04

CERTIFICATION APPROVED:

DATE:



2/5/2021

D. Lee Currey
Director
Water and Science Administration

Tidal Wetlands License Number: 20-WL-0303
Tracking Number: 202060183
Agency Interest Number: 162319

cc: WSA, Compliance Program w/file
Chris Pajak, Nontidal Wetlands Division
Molly Pacifico, MTA
Jason Peters, ACOE
Mary Phipps-Dickerson, Tidal Wetlands Division