

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND HEARING ON  
APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE FROM WATER QUALITY  
STANDARDS  
FOR REMINING ACTIVITY**

In accordance with applicable state and federal requirements, the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) will hold a public hearing on May 17, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. via Google Meet at: <https://meet.google.com/iqj-rtiq-zdg?authuser=0>. This link will also be available on WVDEP's Water Quality Standards webpage under WQS Public Meetings, Hearings and Notices and on the West Virginia Secretary of State's webpage under Administrative Law, Meeting Notices. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments on an application for a variance from water quality standards for dissolved aluminum and pH for UNT/Bear Hollow RM 0.67 (KC-27-CE-30-C-2) which is a tributary of Bear Hollow, a tributary of Fulton Creek in Raleigh County West Virginia. The variance has been requested by Republic Energy, LLC.

Any person wishing to comment on the proposed remaining variance is invited to be present or represented at the hearing. In addition to oral comments provided at the hearing, the agency will accept written comments at any time up to the conclusion of the public hearing. No comments will be accepted after that time. Written comments may be submitted to the following address:

Christopher Smith  
Water Quality Standards Program  
WV Department of Environmental Protection  
601 57<sup>th</sup> Street SE  
Charleston, WV 25304

Comments may also be e-mailed to [dep.comments@wv.gov](mailto:dep.comments@wv.gov)

Copies of all written information pertinent to the proposed variance, including the variance application and the WVDEP's information sheet summarizing the proposed variance may be reviewed by contacting the WVDEP office at 601 57<sup>th</sup> Street, SE, Charleston, WV 25304. Telephone: 304-926-0499 extension 43832; Fax: 304-926-0496. E-mail:

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