

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY OF PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED
DESIGNATION OF CAPACITY USE AREA PURSUANT TO S.C. CODE SECTION 49-5-60**

May 25, 2018

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control proposes the designation of all of Aiken County, Allendale County, Bamberg County, Barnwell County, Calhoun County, Lexington County, and Orangeburg County as part of the Western Capacity Use Area. Interested persons are invited to make oral or written comments on the proposed Capacity Use Area at a public hearing to be conducted by the Board of Health and Environmental Control at its regularly scheduled meeting on August 9, 2018. The public hearing will be held in the Board Room of the Department of Health and Environmental Control at 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, S.C. 29201. The Board meeting commences at 10:00 a.m. The Board's agenda will be published 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Persons desiring to make oral comments at the hearing are asked to limit their statements to five minutes and, as a courtesy, are asked to provide written comments of their presentations for the record.

Interested persons are also provided an opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed Capacity Use Area to Mr. Robert Devlin at SCDHEC, Bureau of Water, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, S.C. 29201. Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 25, 2018. Comments received by the deadline date will be submitted in a Summary of Public Comments and Department Responses for the Board's consideration at the public hearing.

SCDHEC's technical report on groundwater conditions in Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Lexington, and Orangeburg Counties is available on the Internet at <http://www.dhec.sc.gov/Library/CR-012038.pdf>. A copy of the report may be obtained by contacting Ms. Amira Berezowska at 803-898-3563.