



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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Mr. David V. Hutchins Chairman  
Carroll County Board of Supervisors  
605-1 Pine Street  
Hillsville, VA 24343  
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Subject: VPDES Permit No. VA0082333  
Honeywell International, Inc. – Gossan Mine Site

Dear Mr. Hutchins:

In accordance with State Water Control Law, the Department of Environmental Quality must notify the locality in which the discharge is located, in writing, when we receive an application for the discharge of treated wastewater to State Waters. We have received an application for reissuance of the Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) permit from the subject facility.

We have reviewed the application and drafted a permit for this discharge. Attached is a public notice that will appear in the **Galax Gazette** announcing our intention to reissue the permit and inviting public comment on its content. This public comment period will run for 30 days from the date the notice first appears in the newspaper. The public is welcome to review the permit application and draft permit at our office during normal business hours.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about this notification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve E. Artrip".

Steve E. Artrip  
Water Permit Project Manager

cc: DEQ File 10

## Public Notice - Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the release of treated wastewater into a water body in Carroll County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: 30 days from **(insert first date of publication)**.

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit - Wastewater issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board.

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Honeywell International, Inc., 101 Columbia Road, PO Box 2105, Morristown, NJ 07962; VPDES Permit Number VA0082333.

FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: Gossan Mine Site, Off State Route 607, Iron Ridge Road, near Galax, VA.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Honeywell International Inc. has applied for reissuance of a permit for the privately owned Gossan Mine site. The applicant proposes to release treated industrial wastewater at an average rate of 110,000 gallons per day into a water body. Sludge residual from the treatment process will be pumped from the sediment basins into the inactive mine void and treated together with the acid mine drainage. The facility proposes to release the treated industrial wastewater in Chestnut Creek in Carroll County in the New 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: pH, total suspended solids and total iron. Whole effluent toxicity monitoring is also required.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing hand-delivery, by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Steve E. Artrip, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Southwest Regional Office, 355-A Deadmore Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; Phone Number; (276)676-4808; E-Mail Address; [steve.artrip@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:steve.artrip@deq.virginia.gov); Fax Number; (276)676-4899. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.