

PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATER STORAGE IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 1 – LEVINE STORAGE TANKS
CITY OF PATERSON, PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Passaic Valley Water Commission (PVWC) will hold a 30-day public viewing period pursuant the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Environmental Appraisal to gather public input on the proposed Water Storage Improvement Phase 1 – Levine Storage Tanks Project (the “Project”). The New Jersey Water Bank project number is 1605002-014.

The Project will modify the Stanley M. Levine (Levine) open finished drinking water reservoir with two new 2.5 Million Gallon (MG) pre-stressed concrete water storage tanks (5 MG total) within the footprint of the existing Levine Reservoir for purpose of improving the finished drinking water quality. The tanks will reduce the presence of bacteria and enable treatment to reduce lead levels in the finished drinking water provided to PVWC’s customers. In order to adequately capture storm water from the site’s developed areas, two storm water basins will also be constructed within the footprint of the existing Levine Reservoir. The cost of the project is approximately \$18.7 million.

With the closing of the reservoir, PVWC is acting in compliance with the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s (USEPA) Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Rule, which has mandated the closing of all open reservoirs nationwide to help improve drinking water quality and to protect the public health and safety. The purpose of the 30-day public viewing period is to inform all interested stakeholders, including local residents, public officials and PVWC’s customers about the Project and to solicit public comments.

The environmental review for this project indicates that no significant adverse environmental impacts will result from the proposed action. The project will result in an adverse effect to historic properties. This decision is based on a careful review of the data submitted in support of this proposed project. All documents submitted are on file at the NJDEP, and can either be accessed via the PVWC’s website, www.PVWC.com, where they will be available for public review, or through NJDEP, upon request.

Comments supporting or disagreeing with the Environmental Decision Document, or the Environmental Appraisal, may be submitted to NJDEP for review within the 30-day comment period. All comments with regard to this document ***must be received by September 6, 2018.*** Please address your comments to: Gautam Patel, Bureau Chief, Mail Code 401-03D, Bureau of Environmental, Engineering & Permitting, Municipal Finance and Construction Element, P. O. Box 420, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625-0420. After evaluating any comments received, NJDEP will make a final decision at the conclusion of the comment period.