

UPSTATE FOREVER IS URGING RESIDENTS to turn out for two state Department of Health and Environmental Control public hearings on phosphorus limits for the Saluda River.

Both hearings will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Brewer Community Complex auditorium at 927 East Cambridge Ave. in Greenwood. The hearings are to be held Nov. 4 and Nov. 10.

Eleven wastewater treatment permits are pending for the Saluda. Phosphorus is discharged from sewage treatment facilities and flows downstream to Lake Greenwood, which has had problems with water quality due to phosphorus pollution.

Upstate Forever said phosphorus is causing harm to Lake Greenwood by increasing algae levels and reducing oxygen content.

To improve water quality, phosphorus inputs from sewage treatment plants must be reduced from the Reedy and Saluda Rivers.

The new permits could limit the amount of phosphorus pollution originating from wastewater treatment facilities along the Saluda River.

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