



Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

9 VAC 25-720– Water Quality Management Planning Regulation
Department of Environmental Quality
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Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation

The State Water Control Board (Board) proposes the following amendments to the Water Quality Management Planning Regulation: 1) delete obsolete footnotes and, where appropriate, maintain basin total waste load allocations by placing waste load allocation (WLA) balances resulting from self-enacting footnotes into an unallocated reserve, 2) make revisions to nutrient WLAs resulting from appeals and settlements under this regulation, adoption of Environmental Protection Agency's Chesapeake Bay total maximum daily load, and reissuance in 2012 of the Chesapeake Bay Nutrient Discharge Watershed General Permit (9 VAC 25-820), 3) make technical corrections to facility names or permit numbers, and 4) make expression of WLAs consistent for all facilities served by combined sewer systems.

Result of Analysis

The benefits likely exceed the costs for all proposed changes.

Estimated Economic Impact

All proposed changes do one or more of the following: eliminate obsolete language, clarify existing requirements, or conform requirements to existing federal requirements which must already be followed by the regulated entities. Thus the proposed amendments are beneficial in that they should provide greater clarity, but otherwise should not have a significant impact.

Businesses and Entities Affected

The proposed amendments affect 26 publicly and privately owned wastewater treatment facilities.

Localities Particularly Affected

The proposed amendments affect publicly and privately owned wastewater treatment facilities in the following localities: 1) Cities of Alexandria, Harrisonburg, and Winchester, 2) Counties of Caroline, Chesterfield, Culpeper, Fauquier, Frederick, Hanover, King George, King William, Loudoun, Mathews, New Kent, Prince William, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Spotsylvania, and York, and 3) Towns of Broadway, Cape Charles, Culpeper, Gordonsville, Leesburg, Mount Jackson, New Market, Onancock, Purcellville, and West Point.

Projected Impact on Employment

The proposed amendments will not likely have a large impact on employment.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

The proposed amendments will not likely have a large impact on the use and value of private property.

Small Businesses: Costs and Other Effects

The proposed amendments will not likely significantly affect small business costs.

Small Businesses: Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact

The proposed amendments do not adversely affect small businesses.

Real Estate Development Costs

The proposed amendments will not likely significantly affect real estate development costs.

Legal Mandate

The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with Section 2.2-4007.04 of the Administrative Process Act and Executive Order Number 14 (10). Section 2.2-4007.04 requires that such economic impact analyses include, but need not be limited to, a determination of the public benefit, the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the regulation would apply, the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected, the projected number of persons and employment positions to be affected, the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the regulation, and the impact on the use and value of

private property. Further, if the proposed regulation has an adverse effect on small businesses, Section 2.2-4007.04 requires that such economic impact analyses include (i) an identification and estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the regulation; (ii) the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for small businesses to comply with the regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparing required reports and other documents; (iii) a statement of the probable effect of the regulation on affected small businesses; and (iv) a description of any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the regulation. The analysis presented above represents DPB's best estimate of these economic impacts.