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SUBJECT: Guidance Memorandum No. 17-2002 – Standard Joint Permit Application and Tidewater Joint Permit Application for the Virginia Water Protection (VWP) Permit Program

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Introduction and Background:

The above-referenced Joint Permit Applications (JPA) are used by Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC), and local wetlands boards as the mechanisms for applying for work in all types of surface waters in the Commonwealth. The Standard JPA is the more commonly used application, whereas the Tidewater JPA is used for mostly shoreline projects in the Tidewater region of Virginia. Both forms are used to permit projects under Virginia Water Protection (VWP) Permit Program. Revisions to the JPA forms were made primarily due to amendments made to the VWP Program Permit Regulations effective August 2, 2016 (9VAC25-210, 9VAC25-660, 9VAC25-670, 9VAC25-680, and 9VAC25-690), but also due to new VMRC regulations for living shorelines, and suggestions and needs of the other joint agencies noted herein.

In keeping with DEQ initiatives on Pollution Prevention and digital government, the Standard JPA and Tidewater JPA will not be printed in hard copy but will be available as noted below (“Electronic Copy”).

The following guidance was identified for official rescinding based on a comprehensive review of existing guidance and decisions made by the VWP Permit Program at a staff meeting held May 11, 2016. Therefore, this guidance supersedes the following Guidance Memoranda:

TITLE	NUMBER	DATE
Joint Permit Application Form for Virginia Water Protection Permits - 2004	GM04-2023	12-10-2004
Revised Joint Permit Application	GM03-2002	1-16-2003
VWP Joint Permit Application - Revised	GM00-2001	1-21-2000

Electronic Copy:

Electronic ‘fillable’ PDF documents are available to DEQ staff and the public on both the Corps’ and DEQ’s web sites:

<http://www.nao.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/JPA.aspx>

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WetlandsStreams/Permits.aspx>

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