



Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

9 VAC 25-600; 620 – Eastern Virginia Ground Water Management Area; Order Declaring the Eastern Shore of Virginia-Accomack and Northampton Counties-as a Critical Ground Water Area

Department of Environmental Quality

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Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation

The State Water Control Board (Board) proposes to consolidate designated ground water management areas in Virginia under a single section of the regulations.

Result of Analysis

The benefits likely exceed the costs for all proposed changes.

Estimated Economic Impact

The Board proposes to consolidate designated ground water management areas in Virginia under a single section of the regulations. In order to accomplish this goal, section 620 designating the Eastern Shore Groundwater Area is repealed and moved to section 600 which is now renamed to encompass all of the designated ground water areas in the Commonwealth. The proposed change will not create any significant economic impact as there is no change in any of the regulatory requirements, but is expected to make it easier to find all of the designated ground water management areas under one section.

Businesses and Entities Affected

The proposed changes will make it easier for the public to find all of the designated ground water management areas in the regulations.

Localities Particularly Affected

The proposed regulations will not have any direct effect on localities.

Projected Impact on Employment

No effect on employment is expected.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

No effect on the use and value of private property is expected.

Small Businesses: Costs and Other Effects

No costs or other effects on small businesses are expected.

Small Businesses: Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact

No adverse impact on small businesses is expected.

Real Estate Development Costs

No impact on real estate development costs is expected.

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.