



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	State Water Control Board
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	9 VAC25-600
Regulation title	Designated Groundwater Management Areas Regulation
Action title	<i>Exempt Action to remove parts of Arlington County east of Interstate 95 from being listed as part of the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area</i>
Final agency action date	March 28, 2014
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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

This regulatory action removes Arlington County from the list of counties east of Interstate 95 that are included in the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area. Arlington County is located entirely west of Interstate 95 and was inadvertently listed in the regulation as being partially in the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area. No portion of Arlington County is included in the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area.

Statement of final agency action

Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.

The State Water Control Board adopted final amendments to Designated Groundwater Management Areas Regulation on March 28, 2014.

All changes made in this regulatory action

Please detail all changes that are being proposed and the consequences of the proposed changes. Detail new provisions and/or all changes to existing sections.

Current section number	Proposed new section number, if applicable	Current requirement	Proposed change and rationale
20		Portions of Arlington County that are east of Interstate 95 are listed as part of the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area.	Arlington County is located entirely to the west of Interstate 95. Arlington County was inadvertently included in the list of localities to be included in the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area. The reference to Arlington County is being removed from the regulation.

Regulatory flexibility analysis

Please describe the agency’s analysis of alternative regulatory methods, consistent with health, safety, environmental, and economic welfare, that will accomplish the objectives of applicable law while minimizing the adverse impact on small business. Alternative regulatory methods include, at a minimum: 1) the establishment of less stringent compliance or reporting requirements; 2) the establishment of less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements; 3) the consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements; 4) the establishment of performance standards for small businesses to replace design or operational standards required in the proposed regulation; and 5) the exemption of small businesses from all or any part of the requirements contained in the proposed regulation.

This regulatory action removes a locality that was incorrectly listed in the regulation as being part of the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area. The alternative to this regulatory action would be to keep Arlington County’s name in the regulation; however, this alternative was rejected since it would cause confusion concerning the applicability of the regulation. The regulation currently states that areas of Arlington County that are east of Interstate 95 are included in the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area. Arlington County is located entirely to the west of Interstate 95 and is not part of the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area.

Family impact

Please assess the impact of the proposed regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability including to what extent the regulatory action will: 1) strengthen or erode the authority and rights of parents in the education, nurturing, and supervision of their children; 2) encourage or discourage economic self-sufficiency, self-pride, and the assumption of responsibility for oneself, one's spouse, and one's children and/or elderly parents; 3) strengthen or erode the marital commitment; and 4) increase or decrease disposable family income.

This regulatory action is not anticipated to have any impact on the family or family stability.

Acronyms and Definitions

Please define all acronyms used in the Agency Background Document. Also, please define any technical terms that are used in the document that are not also defined in the "Definition" section of the regulations.

No acronyms were used in the agency background document.