



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Virginia Board for Geology
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Regulation title	Board for Geology Regulations
Action title	Fee Reduction
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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.

At the close of each biennium, Section 54.1-113 of the *Code of Virginia* requires a review each board's financial position to determine whether fees need to be adjusted to ensure that revenues are sufficient, but not excessive, to cover the board's operating expenses. Each board's financial position after the close of the first year of the biennium.

The board is currently carrying a cash balance that is more than its operating needs, and projections indicate that the balance is likely to remain high for the next four-five biennia.

For this reason, the board voted to reduce its fees to a level to sustain its projected operations. The fee for certification renewal is reduced from \$80 to \$35 and the fee for a certification reinstatement is reduced from \$160 to \$40. It is projected that this fee adjustment will provide adequate funding until 2010 when a fee increase will be necessary to fund board operations during the 2012 – 2014 biennium.

Fee decreases are promulgated as exempt final actions under § 2.2-4006 A 7 of the *Code of Virginia*.

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.

During its meeting on July 19, 2006, the Virginia Board for Geology adopted amendments to the Board for Geology Regulations reducing its fees.

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

No impact on the family or family stability has been identified.