

# **Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget**

2 VAC 5-410 – Rules and Regulations for Enforcement of the Virginia Agriculture Liming Materials Law

**Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services** May 16, 2013

### **Summary of the Proposed Regulation**

The Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Board) proposes to update obsolete references in its regulations for enforcement of the Virginia agriculture liming materials laws.

### **Result of Analysis**

Benefits likely outweigh costs for this regulatory action.

# **Estimated Economic Impact**

Current regulations contain references to an outdated test method manual and outdated test method numbers. Current regulations also contain old contact information for the Association of Official Analytical Chemists (AOAC). The Board now proposes to update all of this language so that all references are correct and current. No entity is likely to incur costs on account of these regulatory changes. Interested parties will benefit from having regulations that guide them to the correct manual and test method numbers and that contain the correct address for the AOAC.

#### **Businesses and Entities Affected**

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) reports that distributers of liming materials are governed by these regulations and will be affected by these regulatory changes. There are 71 such distributors currently registered with VDACS.

# **Localities Particularly Affected**

No locality is likely to be particularly affected by these proposed regulations.

#### **Projected Impact on Employment**

Employment in the Commonwealth is unlikely to be affected by these proposed regulations.

# **Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property**

These propose regulations are unlikely to affect the value or use of property in the Commonwealth.

#### **Small Businesses: Costs and Other Effects**

No small businesses will incur costs on account of these proposed regulations.

## **Small Businesses: Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact**

No small businesses will incur costs on account of these proposed regulations.

#### **Real Estate Development Costs**

These proposed regulations are unlikely to affect real estate development costs in the Commonwealth.

### **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.