

Office of Regulatory Management
Economic Review Form

Agency name	Department of Environmental Quality
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) Chapter citation(s)	9 VAC 25-780
VAC Chapter title(s)	Local and Regional Water Supply Planning
Action title	Periodic Review
Date this document prepared	June 12, 2023
Regulatory Stage (including Issuance of Guidance Documents)	Periodic Review

Cost Benefit Analysis

Complete Tables 1a and 1b for all regulatory actions. You do not need to complete Table 1c if the regulatory action is required by state statute or federal statute or regulation and leaves no discretion in its implementation.

Table 1a should provide analysis for the regulatory approach you are taking. Table 1b should provide analysis for the approach of leaving the current regulations intact (i.e., no further change is implemented). Table 1c should provide analysis for at least one alternative approach. You should not limit yourself to one alternative, however, and can add additional charts as needed.

Report both direct and indirect costs and benefits that can be monetized in Boxes 1 and 2. Report direct and indirect costs and benefits that cannot be monetized in Box 4. See the ORM Regulatory Economic Analysis Manual for additional guidance.

Table 1a: Costs and Benefits of the Proposed Changes (Primary Option)

Omitted pursuant to ORM Regulatory Economic Analysis Manual

Table 1b: Costs and Benefits under the Status Quo (No change to the regulation)

Omitted pursuant to ORM Regulatory Economic Analysis Manual

Table 1c: Costs and Benefits under Alternative Approach(es)

Omitted pursuant to ORM Regulatory Economic Analysis Manual

Impact on Local Partners

Use this chart to describe impacts on local partners. See Part 8 of the ORM Cost Impact Analysis Guidance for additional guidance.

Table 2: Impact on Local Partners

Agency Note: There are no regulatory changes associated with this periodic review. Amendments to 9VAC25-780 pursuant to Chapter 1105 of the 2020 Acts of Assembly are being proposed as part of a separate regulatory action.

Under the current regulation, localities can choose to develop a plan independently (local plan) or may choose to plan regionally with other localities (regional plan). In total, 48 water supply plans were submitted in 2008, of which 10 were local plans and 38 were regional plans with the majority of those consisting of one county and one or more cities or incorporated towns located within the boundaries of the county.

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	<p>Direct Costs: There are no monetized direct costs expected for local partners associated with retaining this regulation with no changes.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: There may be future costs for local partners associated with this regulation as they review, revise, and resubmit plans every 10 years as required by 9VAC25-780-50 E.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: There are no monetized direct benefits expected for local partners associated with retaining this regulation with no changes.</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: There are no monetized indirect benefits expected for local partners associated with retaining this regulation with no changes.</p>	
(2) Present Monetized Values	<p>Direct & Indirect Costs</p> <p>(a) Direct Costs – N/A Indirect Costs – Estimated range for plan development per locality of \$5,000 - \$40,000 depending on locality population</p>	<p>Direct & Indirect Benefits</p> <p>(b) Direct Benefits – N/A Indirect Benefits – N/A</p>
(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	<p>This regulation protects the health, safety, and welfare of citizens by requiring local and regional water supply planning and encouraging more efficient use of Virginia’s water resources. By identifying potential conflicts before they arise among localities securing adequate drinking water supplies and between in-stream and off-stream needs, the regulation ensures consistency in the use of water resources on a statewide basis.</p>	

(4) Assistance	Agency does not provide financial assistance to local partners for the development of water supply plans.
(5) Information Sources	Information sources were pulled from a previous Economic Impact Form posted on Town Hall on 09/12/22 which included discussions with regional planning commissions, consultants who worked on previous plans, and localities.

Impacts on Families

Use this chart to describe impacts on families. See Part 8 of the ORM Cost Impact Analysis Guidance for additional guidance.

Table 3: Impact on Families

Agency Note: There are no regulatory changes associated with this periodic review. The local implementation of this regulation has a minimal economic impact on families. The statute and regulation impose the requirements on all counties, cities, and incorporated towns with the intent of ensuring that adequate water supply is available for Virginia families over the long term.

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	<p>Direct Costs: There are no monetized direct costs to families associated with this regulation</p> <p>Indirect Costs: There are no monetized indirect costs to families associated with this regulation.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: There are no monetized direct benefits to families associated with this regulation.</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: There are no monetized indirect benefits to families associated with this regulation.</p>	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) N/A	(b) N/A
(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	Management of the resource ensures adequate water supply is available over the long term for all users including families.	
(4) Information Sources	Information sources were pulled from a previous Economic Impact Form posted on Town Hall on 09/12/22 which included discussions with regional planning commissions, consultants who worked on previous plans and localities.	

Impacts on Small Businesses

Use this chart to describe impacts on small businesses. See Part 8 of the ORM Cost Impact Analysis Guidance for additional guidance.

Table 4: Impact on Small Businesses

Agency Note: There are no regulatory changes associated with this periodic review. The local implementation of this regulation has a minimal economic impact on small businesses. The statute and regulation impose the requirements on all counties, cities, and incorporated towns with the intent of ensuring that adequate water supply is available for drinking water and economic development over the long term.

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	<p>Direct Costs: There are no direct costs to small businesses associated with this regulation.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: There are no indirect costs to small businesses associated with this regulation.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: There are no direct benefits to small businesses associated with this regulation.</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: There are no monetized indirect benefits to small businesses associated with this regulation.</p>	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) N/A	(b) N/A
(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	Management of the resource ensures adequate water supply is available over the long term for all users including small businesses.	
(4) Alternatives	None, the regulation is being retained without changes.	
(5) Information Sources	Information sources were pulled from a previous Economic Impact Form posted on Town Hall on 09/12/22 which included discussions with regional planning commissions, consultants who worked on previous plans and localities.	

Changes to Number of Regulatory Requirements

For each individual VAC Chapter amended, repealed, or promulgated by this regulatory action, list (a) the initial requirement count, (b) the count of requirements that this regulatory package is adding, (c) the count of requirements that this regulatory package is reducing, (d) the net change in the number of requirements. This count should be based upon the text as written when this stage was presented for executive branch review. Five rows have been provided, add or delete rows as needed. In the last row, indicate the total number for each column.

Table 5: Total Number of Requirements

Agency Note: This is a periodic review, and the Agency decision is to retain the regulation as written. No changes to the regulation are being proposed at this time.