

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
 Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES)
 General Permit Regulation for Seafood Processing Facilities (9VAC25-115)
 October 3, 2024, 09:00 am
 1st TAC Meeting
DEQ Piedmont Regional Office

Minutes

09:15 AM

- Introductions, Sign-in Sheet

<i>Attendance</i>			
<i>TAC Members</i>		<i>Other Attendees</i>	
x	Eric Duncan – VA DEQ	x	Azra Bilalagic – VA DEQ
x	AJ Erskine – Bevins Oysters	x	Joseph Bryan –VA DEQ
x	Kim Huskey – Shellfish Growers of Virginia	x	Riley Isaacs – VA DEQ
x	Wec Terry – H M Terry Oysters Company Inc.	x	Morgan Emanuel – VA DEQ
		x	Laura Galli – VA DEQ
		x	Nelson Daniel – Va DEQ
		x	Meghan Mayfield - VA DEQ
		x	Rebecca Rochet – VA DEQ
		x	Meredith Williams – VA DEQ
		x	Ben Cunningham – VA DEQ

The following committee members were absent from the meeting: Thomas Gallivan of Shooting Point Oysters.

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- A brief presentation on the role and purpose of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was provided. Section 62.1-44.15 (5a) of the Code of Virginia states that “All certificates issued by the Board under this chapter shall have fixed terms. The term of a Virginia Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit shall not exceed five years.” This general permit expires on June 30, 2026.

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- DEQ initiated the conversation by giving a brief procedural history of how the process had gone, and how the process will proceed moving forward.
- DEQ explained the role of the TAC members, and how the meeting would be facilitated. The purpose of the group is to assist in the development of a proposed regulation. The role of the group is advisory only; DEQ staff will take their comments into consideration,

however final decisions will be made by DEQ staff and will be presented to the State Water Control Board for consideration.

- DEQ provided a brief overview of the permit, its history and function, and the number of facilities covered by the permit. Of the 42 facilities covered by the permit, 22 are administered by the Piedmont Regional Office, and 20 are administered by the Tidewater Regional Office
- A brief rundown of the known revisions was provided, including:
 - New permit term – 7/1/26 to 6/30/31.
 - Senate Bill 657 changes – Update regulatory language to ensure consistency with SB 657, clarifying that regulatory actions fall under the State Water Control Board (SWCB), while permit actions fall under the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).
 - Define “Director”.
 - Change quarterly monitoring frequency to semi-annual.
 - Align the list of authorized non-stormwater discharges with the Industrial Stormwater General Permit Regulation (ISWGP).
 - Update compliance reporting requirements (Part III Reports of Noncompliance, Standard Conditions, I).
 - Revise provisions to address online reporting.
- DEQ presented a review of effluent monitoring in support of changing quarterly monitoring to semi-annual. During the monitoring period of 08/01/2019 to 08/02/2024, 1,115 Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) were received and 40 effluent limitation violations were reported, all from seven permitted facilities.
 - DEQ also added clarification on the calendar dates included in semi-annual (1/6 months) monitoring and reporting.
- DEQ provided a brief overview of the revised language in the regulation.
- DEQ opened up the meeting to an open discussion and questions.
 - A TAC member asked for clarification on what qualifies as pavement wash water.
- DEQ staff covered the steps moving forward; TAC members concurred that further TAC meetings are not necessary. The next step will be for the proposed regulation to be presented to the SWCB to authorize Notice of Public Comment and Hearing. Once authorized, the proposed regulation will be posted for public comment and will, separately, be sent to EPA for comment. After the close of the comment period, all comments will be considered, and a summary of the public comments and responses will be provided to the TAC members. The proposed regulation will then be updated, as appropriate, and presented again to the Board for a final approval.

09:50 AM Summary of TAC decisions

- TAC members reached consensus on the following action items.
 - TAC members will contact DEQ staff with information regarding cost savings as a result of the proposed reduced monitoring.
- DEQ will keep TAC members up to date on future steps and completed stages. Committee members concurred that further meetings would not be necessary.

10:15 AM Meeting Adjourned