

### Agency Response to EIA

The agency agrees in part with the EIA and disagrees in part. In the Localities Particularly Affected section it states the proposed regulations affect all cemeteries throughout the Commonwealth. The regulations will only affect licensed cemetery companies in the Commonwealth. Section 54.1-2312 of the Code of Virginia lists exemptions from licensure and most cemeteries in Virginia fall within one of the exemptions. The education required by the proposed regulations will benefit all parties. Once a person completes the board approved training, he/she will have a better understanding of what the laws and regulations governing cemetery companies require. Therefore, the person will be less likely to violate the laws and regulations. Further, a person will only have to take the training one time. If that person chooses to go to another employer, he/she only needs to show proof of completion of the board approved training.