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**Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) General Permit Regulation for
Concrete Products Facilities (9VAC25-193)**

Concrete GP Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting

**Piedmont Regional Office
4949-A Cox Rd., Glen Allen, VA 23060**

**October 16, 2026
10:00 AM**

MEETING MINUTES

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Members Present	
Clifford Bocchicchio, Elizabeth River Concrete LLC	Andrew Famula, CP&P
Joseph Bryan, DEQ CO	Nathan Pichette, Titan America, LLC
Charles D. Craddock, Dominion Block, Brick & Hardscapes	Stephen C. Rossi, S.C. Rossi & Co., Inc.

TAC Member Alternates Present	
Mac Nzombola, Vulcan Construction Materials	Erica Robinson, Vulcan Construction Materials, Northeast Division

The following TAC members were absent from the meeting: Walter Beck, Vulcan Construction Materials, LP; Brendan L. Merkle, Greensite Concrete Washout, LLC; John V. Rainero, Permatile Concrete Products Company; Kushal Shah, Smyrna Ready Mix Concrete, LLC.

Technical Support Staff Present	
Daniel David	William Norris
Sarah Hasychak	Jaime Robb

Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Introductions:

Azra Bilalagic, Water Program Coordinator with the Office of VPDES Programs, welcomed members to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting for the reissuance of the VPDES General Permit Regulation for Concrete Products Facilities (9VAC25-193).

Purpose, Exempt Regulatory Process, and Role of TAC:

Ms. Bilalagic gave a brief overview of the purpose of the TAC and how the exempt regulatory process works. The general permit will expire on December 31, 2028, and must be amended and reissued for another five-year permit term. A Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) was published on June 29, 2026. The public comment period ran through July 29, 2026. No comments were received during the public comment period.

Ms. Bilalagic reviewed the purpose and role of the TAC, which is to assist DEQ staff in the development of a draft regulation for a general permit. The TAC's role is advisory only, with the goal being to reach a consensus on a draft of the general permit regulation that staff will use to develop a proposed regulation. Neither DEQ nor the Board are obligated to accept the TAC's recommendation. During this time, staff will share the draft regulation with EPA and will address any comments that they may have. Staff will recommend the proposed regulation to DEQ management and the State Water Control Board (Board). The Board will decide if they support the recommendation before the proposed general permit is published for public comment.

Overview of the General Permit:

Ms. Bilalagic provided an overview of the general permit. The regulation establishes limitations, monitoring requirements, and other special conditions for point source discharges from concrete products facilities to surface waters. The permit was originally issued on October 1, 1998, and was last reissued on January 1, 2024. The permit covers 232 permittees.

Known Revisions:

Ms. Bilalagic reviewed the proposed revisions to the regulation:

- New permit term – 01/01/2029 to 12/31/2033.
- Remove definitions for “Board” and “Director”.
- 9VAC25-193-60 C. – Revisions to add clarity and to align with other VPDES General Permits (GPs). Added requirement to provide the date of any expansions or dewatering of process water settling basins for major structural repairs.
- 9VAC25-193-60 E – New language added to address incomplete Registration Statement submittals.
- Part I A 1 and 2 – Added language address sampling outside of normal working hours.
- Part I B 15 – Revised to remove language pertaining to reporting for quantity as the permit does not have loading limits.

- Part I B 20 – Revised to add special condition to specify that authorized discharges shall be controlled as necessary through the effluent limitations. Best management practices, and other conditions specified in this permit such that the discharges do not cause or contribute to a violation of water quality standards in 9VAC25-260.
- Part II A 3 – Revised to address discharges during snowmelt.
- Part II A 3 d-e – Language added to address inability to collect samples and provision of an adverse climatic conditions waiver.
- Part II A 4 a – Language added to clarify when corrective action shall be taken.
- Part II A 4 b – Language added to address natural background pollutant levels.
- Part II D 1 – Revised language for the Registration Statement submittal deadlines.
- Part II D 2 c – Language added to address receiving waters and wetlands in the site description.
- Part II D 2 e (9) – Language added to address dust suppression and vehicle tracking of industrial materials.
- Part II E 3 – Language added to clarify that repairs and maintenance of control measures shall be performed not later than within 60 days of the routine facility inspections.
- Part II F 3 – Language added to align the list of authorized non-stormwater discharges with the ISWGP.
- Part II G 2 – Language revised to indicate that the current SWPPP may be maintained electronically at the facility.
- Part III I – Language revised to address online reporting requirements.
- Part III.Y – Language revised to clarify when permit coverage may be administratively transferred to a new owner. Language added to indicate that the permit must provide sufficient evidence of title transfer before the department will administratively transfer the permit to the new owner.

Open Discussions:

Ms. Bilalagic opened the floor for discussion on the proposed revisions to the regulation and provided the following clarifications:

- The definitions for “Board” and “Director” are included in the main Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) Regulation and are incorporated by reference into this chapter.
- Revisions in 9VAC25-193-60.C added to align this general permit with other VPDES general permits.
- A new registration fee may be required for reissuance if a determination was made by the department that the registration statement is incomplete within 30 days of the request for additional information.
- A footnote clarifying the requirement for simplifying at least once during the monitoring period including for any discharges outside of normal working hours has been added to the effluent limitations tables to address instances when permittees did not collect samples because discharges occurred outside of working hours. The requirement for sampling is if the discharge occurs and permittees are not expected or required to “force” the discharge. Samples are required to be collected once every three months (for process water) and once per year (for

stormwater), which should provide sufficient opportunity to collect the required samples.

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- The TAC discussed the concepts of significant and reportable spills and compliance with permit requirements, and documentation of normal housekeeping practices and existing site conditions. DEQ staff indicated that “Significant spills” are defined in 9VAC25-193.10. It was further discussed that spills of petroleum that result in a release to the environment that exceeds 25 gallons or reach state waters are considered to be significant spills.
- The TAC discussed dust suppression and the use of the term “uncontaminated reuse water” in Part II.D.2.e.(9), and whether this includes “settled wastewater and stormwater”. DEQ staff indicated that they will look into this further and revise the proposed language as applicable. DEQ also clarified that there shall be no direct discharge to surface waters from dust suppression or as a result of spraying stockpiles.
- The TAC discussed the requirement for “permission...by the director” identified in Part II E 3 . It was suggested that this should be “permission...granted in writing by the department”.
- The TAC discussed the requirements related to retaining a copy of the SWPPP (hardcopy or electronic) at the facility as required in Part II G.2. The TAC brought up issues with having an “up to date signed” hard copy or electronic version of the SWPPP at the facility during DEQ compliance inspections.
- The concept of “Idle sites” – “storage sites” was discussed. The question was raised as to whether there was any leeway in the annual stormwater monitoring requirements. It was noted that if a “idle site” had materials stored on the site that were exposed to stormwater and there was the possibility for runoff/discharge from the site , a sampling waiver could not be granted.
- The TAC discussed site ownership and the holders of the leases (operator) for the properties. Staff noted that under VPDES regulation that owner is defined as “owner or operator”. DEQ allows the “operator” to obtain the permit coverage and whatever arrangement is made between the operator, and the actual property owner is addressed in their contractual arrangements and is not part of the DEQ permitting or compliance process.
- The TAC discussed the proposed revisions to the regulation that were presented today and determined that there was not a need for a second TAC meeting.

Next Steps:

Ms. Bilalagic covered the steps in the reissuance of the general permit regulation:

- Staff will present a proposed regulation to the State Water Control Board (March 2027, est.) to request approval to go to a public comment period and a hearing;
- With Board’s approval conduct a 60-day public comment period.
- Present a final regulation to the Board for approval in December 2027.

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- Complete the regulatory action such that the effective date of the new general permit regulation will be January 1, 2029.

Public Forum: No members of the public were in attendance.

Adjournment:

Ms. Bilalagic noted that all relevant materials from the meeting, including the meeting minutes and presentation, would be posted on Townhall and provided to the TAC members.

Ms. Bilalagic thanked all of the TAC members and members of the public and adjourned the meeting at 11:40 AM.





Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) General Permit Regulation for Concrete Products Facilities (9VAC25-193)

Reissuance – TAC Meeting No. 1

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October 16, 2026

Meeting Agenda

- Introductions
- Purpose, Regulatory Process, Role of the TAC
- Overview of the General Permit
- NOIRA – No comments
- Known Revisions
- Open Discussion



Purpose, Regulatory Process, and Role of the TAC

- The GP regulation expires Dec. 31, 2028, and must be amended and reissued for another five-year permit term.
- Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) published June 29, 2026, closed July 29, 2026. No comments were received.
- The TAC's goal is to reach a consensus on a specific action and make recommendations to the Department.
- DEQ will consider TAC recommendations and present the Proposed Regulation to the Board.
- Public Comment and Public Hearing, Final Regulation



The Role of the Technical Advisory Committee in the General Permit Development Process

The purpose of this group is to assist the DEQ staff in development of a draft regulation for a general permit. This group has been formed from persons who indicated an interest in serving on the committee in response to the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action.

The role of this committee is advisory only. The primary activity of the committee will be to develop a regulation that is in the best interest of the Commonwealth as a whole.

The goal is to reach consensus on a draft general permit regulation that the staff will recommend to the DEQ management and the State Water Control Board.

Neither DEQ nor the Board is obligated to accept the committee's recommendations. The position of DEQ management will be developed after the group's recommendation has been made.

The Board will decide if they will support the DEQ recommendation before the proposed general permit is published for public comment.

TAC members will receive copies of the draft general permit regulation that the Board authorizes for public comment.

TAC members are free to attend the meetings of the Board and may make oral or written comments on the draft regulation during the public comment period. TAC members will receive copies of a summary of the comments submitted by the public and the staff responses to those comments.

Overview of the Concrete Facilities GP

- This GP regulation governs the discharge of process wastewater and stormwater associated with industrial activity from concrete products facilities classified as:
 - NAICS codes 327331, 327332, 327390, 327320, 327999 (dry mix concrete manufacturing only)
 - Standard Industrial Classification codes 3271, 3272 and 3273
- Provided that the discharge is through a point source to surface waters.



Overview of the Concrete Facilities GP

- “Concrete Products Facilities” include:
 - Concrete Block and Brick Manufacturing
 - Concrete Pipe Manufacturing
 - Other Concrete Product Manufacturing
 - All Other Miscellaneous Nonmetallic Mineral Product Manufacturing (dry mix concrete manufacturing only)
 - Ready-Mix Concrete Manufacturing (permanent and portable plants)
- Originally effective Oct 1, 1998, last reissued Jan 1, 2024
- Currently covers 232 permittees



Known Revisions

- New permit term – 01/01/29 to 12/31/2033
- Remove definitions for "Board" and "Director".
- 9VAC25-193-60.C – Revisions to add clarity and align with other VPDES GPs; add requirement to provide the date of any expansions or dewatering of process water settling basins for major structural repairs.
- 9VAC25-193-60.E – New language to address incomplete Registration Statement submittals.



Known Revisions

- Part I.A.1 and Part I.A.2 – Add language to address sampling outside of normal working hours.
- Revise Part I.B.15 to remove language pertaining to reporting for quantity as the permit does not have loading limits.
- Revise Part I.B.20 special condition to specify that authorized discharges shall be controlled as necessary through the effluent limitations, best management practices, and other conditions specified in this permit such that the discharges do not cause or contribute to a violation of water quality standards in 9VAC25-260.
- Revise Part II.A.3 to address discharges during snowmelt.



Known Revisions

- Add language to Part II.A.3.d-e to address inability to collect samples and adverse climatic conditions waiver and to align language with the ISWGP
- Add language to Part II.A.4.a to clarify when correction actions shall be taken and to align language with the ISWGP
- Add language to Part II.A.4.b to address natural background pollutant levels and to align language with the ISWGP
- Revise language to Part II.D.1 for Registration Statement submittal deadlines to align language with the ISWGP



Known Revisions

- Add language to Part II.D.2.c to address receiving waters and wetlands in the site description and to align language with the ISWGP
- Add language to Part II.D.2.e.(9) to address dust suppression and vehicle tracking of industrial materials and to align language with the ISWGP
- Add language to Part II.E.3 to clarify that repairs or maintenance of control measures shall be performed not later than within 60 days of the routine facility inspections. This aligns with the ISWGP.



Known Revisions

- Add language to Part II.F.3 align the list of authorized nonstormwater discharges with the ISWGP.
- Revise Part II.G.2 to indicate that the current SWPPP may be maintained electronically at the facility (this aligns with the ISWGP).
- Update Part III.I (Reports of noncompliance) to address online reporting.
- Revise Part III.Y.2 to state that coverage under this permit may be administratively transferred to a new owner if the current permittee notifies the department no less than 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer. Add language to clarify that the permittee must provide sufficient evidence of title transfer before the department will administratively transfer the permit to the new owner.



TAC Open Discussion



Issues, Concerns or
Questions



Ideas for potential
improvements
- Regulations
- Clarifying current language



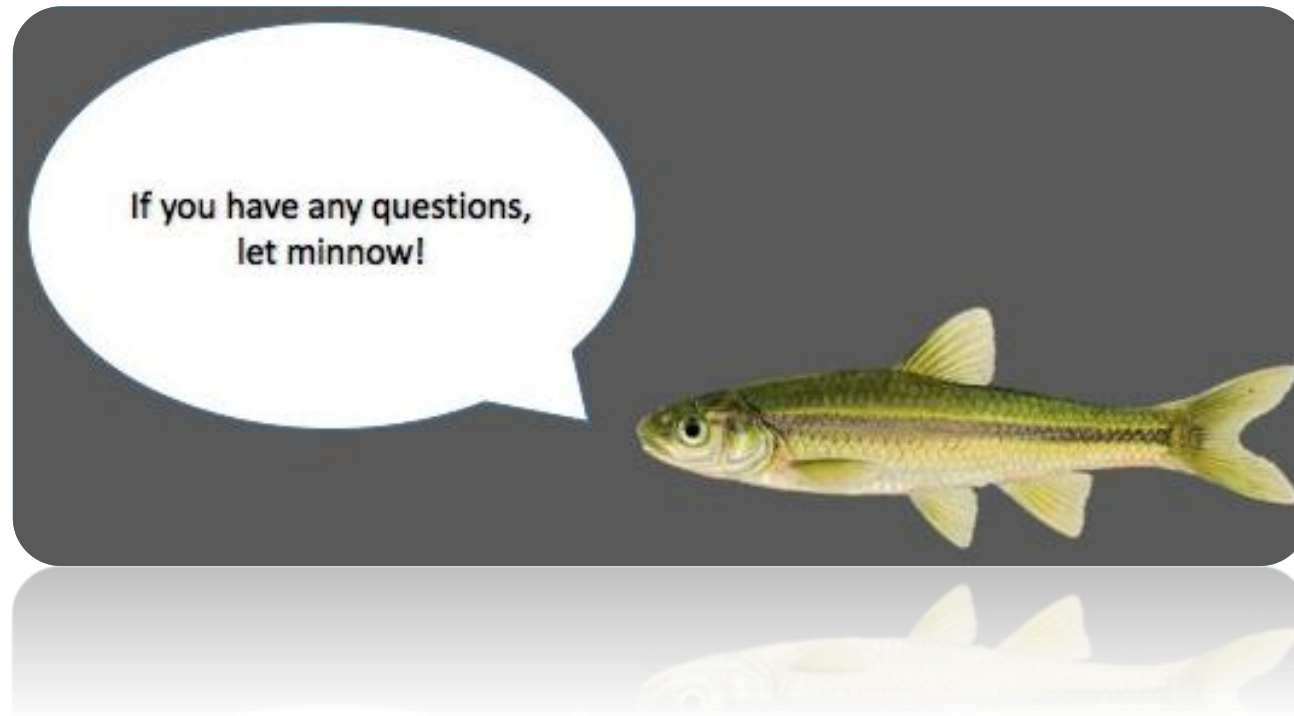
Next Steps

- Decision on future TAC meeting(s)
- Minutes to be published on Town Hall
- State Water Control Board meeting
 - March 2027 (est.) for approval to go to public comment and hearing
- NOPC (60 Days)
- Final Regulation (Dec. 2027)
- Effective Date Jan. 1, 2029



A wide-angle landscape photograph capturing a serene sunset. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the left horizon, casting a long, shimmering reflection across the calm water. The sky is a dramatic canvas of colors, with deep oranges and yellows near the horizon transitioning into soft pinks, purples, and finally a deep blue at the top. Wispy clouds are scattered across the sky, catching the low light. In the middle ground, a long wooden pier with numerous vertical posts extends from the shore into the water. To the right, a rocky shoreline is visible, with dark, jagged stones meeting the water's edge. Behind the rocks, there are some trees with sparse, autumn-colored leaves and a few small, dark structures or lights. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

Questions?



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