

AGENDA

TAC Animal Waste Subcommittee – 1st Meeting

October 15, 2026

Smith Room West, Augusta County Government Center

18 Government Center Lane, Verona, VA 24482 - (540)248-5600

10:00 a.m. – Welcome, introductions, declaration of a quorum, assign note taker, review agenda discuss the prioritization

1. Review of TAC Ground Rules and General Decorum

- ADVANCE – To officially adopt a recommendation to the TAC as it was submitted and send it to the SWCB.
- AMEND – To officially adopt language based upon, yet not identical to, a recommendation to the TAC, and send it to the SWCB.
- TABLE – To officially suspend consideration of a recommendation to the TAC. Note: Tabled items will not be brought back to the TAC for at least three years.
- DEFER – To officially postpone consideration of a recommendation to the TAC. Deferred items will be reconsidered in a future TAC year.

2. New Business:

- Discussion and possible action on the following specifications under review this cycle:
 - WP-4E Animal Waste Structure Pumping Equipment
 - WP-5 Stormwater Retention Pond
 - WP-8 Relocation of Confined Feeding Operations from Environmentally Sensitive Areas
 - WQ-6 Constructed Wetlands
 - WQ-6B Wetland Restoration
 - WQ-8 Fuel Storage Treatment
 - WQ-9 Capping/Plugging of Abandoned Wells
- Review Matrix and prepare plan to address items.
 - Matrix Item 1A-Consider modifying the requirement to permanently remove livestock from acreage associated with the WP-4LC to allow the acreage to be used in a way that ensures year round cover. If allowed, consider requiring 60% year-round cover on grazed acres. The practice currently allows removed acreage to be cropped. It seems practical and reasonable to allow participants to pasture these acres provided that they maintain suitable cover. The allowance to pasture acres with 60% year-round cover would be more beneficial than a fallow crop field (WP-4LC spec with proposed edits provided).
 - Matrix Item 2A- Consider revising WP-4B, WP-4LL, and WP-4LC specifications for consistency (specs with proposed edits provided).
 - Matrix Item 3A-Consider including the installation of a pipeline and a hydrant as an eligible expense for a WP-4C practice. Water is a critical component for effective and efficient composting.
 - Matrix Item 4A- Bring back the WP-6 (chemical handling facility) and make it eligible for cost share at 75% as was allowed historically. Orchards and Vineyards across Virginia are spraying chemicals (pesticides, herbicides, fungicides etc.) on a weekly basis during the growing season. The majority of operations do not have facilities for filling sprayer tanks

and much of that is done in the field or in uncontrolled locations on their farm. Any spills or overflows are not captured and can end up in our streams and rivers. There is interest in this practice and need across the state to fund this practice to improve water quality. The VACS specification needs to be updated to provide more specific guidelines on the acceptable uses of the facility.

3. Public Comment (NOTE: Per TAC Ground Rules and Procedures, anyone attending the meeting who is NOT a member of the subcommittee or an invited guest is considered a member of the public and must reserve their comments until the public comment period)

4. Review the day's discussion/outcomes/actions.

- Final check of matrix items

5. Adjourn: No Later Than 3:30 p.m.

MATRIX OF ADVANCED ANIMAL WASTE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026 (CY26) TAC					
Item #	Ag. BMP	Suggestion to the TAC	TAC Recommendations	DCR Supports	FY2028/2029
		Complete review of practices for use and effectiveness, per TAC rules (list of practices provided).			
1A		Consider modifying the requirement to permanently remove livestock from acreage associated with the WP-4LC to allow the acreage to be used in a way that ensures year round cover. If allowed, consider requiring 60% year-round cover on grazed acres. The practice currently allows removed acreage to be cropped. It seems practical and reasonable to allow participants to pasture these acres provided that they maintain suitable cover. The allowance to pasture acres with 60% year-round cover would be more beneficial than a fallow crop field (WP-4LC spec with proposed edits provided).			
2A		Consider revising WP-4B, WP-4LL, and WP-4LC specifications for consistency (specs with proposed edits provided).			
3A		Consider including the installation of a pipeline and a hydrant as an eligible expense for a WP-4C practice. Water is a critical component for effective and efficient composting.			
4A		Bring back the WP-6 (chemical handling facility) and make it eligible for cost share at 75% as was allowed historically. Orchards and Vineyards across Virginia are spraying chemicals (pesticides, herbicides, fungicides etc.) on a weekly basis during the growing season. The majority of operations do not have facilities for filling sprayer tanks and much of that is done in the field or in uncontrolled locations on their farm. Any spills or overflows are not captured and can end up in our streams and rivers. There is interest in this practice and need across the state to fund this practice to improve water quality. The VACS specification needs to be updated to provide more specific guidelines on the acceptable uses of the facility.			

MATRIX OF DEFERRED ANIMAL WASTE RECOMMENDATIONS			
Item #	Ag. BMP	Suggestion to the TAC	Reason for Deferring

MATRIX OF TABLED ANIMAL WASTE RECOMMENDATIONS			
Item #	Ag. BMP	Suggestion to the TAC	Reason for Tabling