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## Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

<b>Agency Name:</b>	Department of Environmental Quality
<b>VAC Chapter Number:</b>	9 VAC 25-196-10 et seq.
<b>Regulation Title:</b>	General Virginia Pollution Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) Permit Regulation for Cooling Water Discharges
<b>Action Title:</b>	Final Adoption
<b>Date:</b>	December 11, 2002

Where a regulation is exempt in part or in whole from the requirements of the Administrative Process Act (§ 9-6.14:1 et seq. of the Code of Virginia) (APA), the agency may provide information pertaining to the action to be included on the Regulatory Town Hall. The agency must still comply the requirements of the Virginia Register Act (§ 9-6.18 et seq. of the Code of Virginia) and file the final regulation with the Registrar in a style and format conforming with the *Virginia Register Form, Style and Procedure Manual*. The agency must also comply with Executive Order Fifty-Eight (99) which requires an assessment of the regulation's impact on the institution of the family and family stability.

**Note agency actions exempt pursuant to § 9-6.14:4.1(B)** do not require filing with the Registrar a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action, or at the proposed stage. When the regulation is promulgated and submitted to the Registrar, the agency need only provide a statement citing the specific Virginia Code section referencing the exemption and an authority certification letter from the Attorney General's Office. No specific format is required.

This form should be used for actions **exempt from the Administrative Process Act pursuant to § 9-6.14:4.1(C)** at the final stage. Note that agency actions exempt pursuant to § 9-6.14:4.1(C) of the APA do not require filing with the Registrar a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action, and at the proposed stage.

### Summary

*Please provide a brief summary of the proposed new regulation, amendments to an existing regulation, or the regulation being repealed. There is no need to state each provision or amendment or restate the purpose and intent of the regulation, instead give a summary of the regulatory action and alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.*

The regulation amendment is to reissue the existing general permit which expires on March 1, 2003. The general permit establishes limitations and monitoring requirements for point source discharges of noncontact cooling water.

### Statement of Final Agency Action

*Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including the date the action was taken, the name of the agency taking the action, and the title of the regulation.*

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The State Water Control Board voted at its January 6, 2003 meeting to adopt the amendments to 9 VAC 25-196-10 et seq., General Virginia Pollution Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) Permit for Cooling Water Discharges.

### Family Impact Statement

*Please provide an analysis of the regulatory action that assesses the impact on the institution of the family and family stability including the extent to which the regulatory action will: 1) strengthen or erode the authority and rights of parents in the education, nurturing, and supervision of their children; 2) encourage or discourage economic self-sufficiency, self-pride, and the assumption of responsibility for oneself, one's spouse, and one's children and/or elderly parents; 3) strengthen or erode the marital commitment; and 4) increase or decrease disposable family income.*

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The regulation will have no direct impact on the institution of the family or family stability.