



## **Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget**

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**9 VAC 20-90 – Solid Waste Permit Action Fees and Annual Fees**  
**Department of Environmental Quality**  
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### **Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation**

The Virginia Waste Management Board (Board) proposes to decrease its fee for corrective action permits at solid waste landfills from \$22,860 to \$3,000.

### **Result of Analysis**

Benefits likely outweigh costs for this proposed action.

### **Estimated Economic Impact**

Currently, the Board's fee for issuing a corrective action (module XIV) permit for solid waste management sites is \$22,860. Board staff reports that their corrective action program is being streamlined and that the current fee is now excessive. Consequently, the Board now proposes to decrease this fee to \$3,000. The Board estimates that the proposed fee will be sufficient to cover the Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) costs for issuing these permits. No other affected entity is likely to incur costs on account of this change. Entities that must obtain these permits will benefit greatly from having this fee reduced by approximately 87%. Residents of communities where affected solid waste management sites are located may also benefit as lowering this fee will leave site operators with more money to actually accomplish the required corrective actions.

### **Businesses and Entities Affected**

DEQ reports that there are currently 217 solid waste management sites in the Commonwealth. DEQ further reports that 59 of these solid waste management sites have previously had to amend their permits for a corrective action remedy and submit the current

corrective action fee of \$22,860. This regulatory action will affect any solid waste management sites that have to amend their permits for corrective action in the future.

### **Localities Particularly Affected**

No locality will be particularly affected by this proposed regulatory change.

### **Projected Impact on Employment**

This regulatory action will likely have little to no impact on employment in the Commonwealth.

### **Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property**

This regulatory action will likely have little to no effect on the use or value of private property in the Commonwealth.

### **Small Businesses: Costs and Other Effects**

Affected small businesses are very unlikely to incur any additional costs on account of this proposed regulation.

### **Small Businesses: Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact**

Affected small businesses are very unlikely to incur any additional costs on account of this proposed regulation.

### **Real Estate Development Costs**

This regulatory action will likely have no effect on real estate development costs in the Commonwealth.

### **Legal Mandate**

The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with Section 2.2-4007.H of the Administrative Process Act and Executive Order Number 36 (06). Section 2.2-4007.H requires that such economic impact analyses include, but need not be limited to, the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the regulation would apply, the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected, the projected number of persons and employment positions to be affected, the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the regulation, and the impact on the use and value of private property. Further, if the proposed

regulation has adverse effect on small businesses, Section 2.2-4007.H requires that such economic impact analyses include (i) an identification and estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the regulation; (ii) the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for small businesses to comply with the regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparing required reports and other documents; (iii) a statement of the probable effect of the regulation on affected small businesses; and (iv) a description of any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the regulation. The analysis presented above represents DPB's best estimate of these economic impacts.