

Office of Regulatory Management

Economic Review Form

Agency name	Board For Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals, And Geologists
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) Chapter citation(s)	18 VAC 145-20 18 VAC 145-30 18 VAC 145-40
VAC Chapter title(s)	Professional Soil Scientists Regulations (18VAC145-20) Regulations Governing Certified Professional Wetland Delineators (18VAC145-30) Regulations for the Geology Certification Program (18VAC145-40)
Action title	Periodic Review
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Regulatory Stage (including Issuance of Guidance Documents)	Periodic Review

Cost Benefit Analysis

Complete Tables 1a and 1b for all regulatory actions. You do not need to complete Table 1c if the regulatory action is required by state statute or federal statute or regulation and leaves no discretion in its implementation.

Table 1a should provide analysis for the regulatory approach you are taking. Table 1b should provide analysis for the approach of leaving the current regulations intact (i.e., no further change is implemented). Table 1c should provide analysis for at least one alternative approach. You should not limit yourself to one alternative, however, and can add additional charts as needed.

Report both direct and indirect costs and benefits that can be monetized in Boxes 1 and 2. Report direct and indirect costs and benefits that cannot be monetized in Box 4. See the ORM Regulatory Economic Analysis Manual for additional guidance.

Impact on Local Partners

Use this chart to describe impacts on local partners. See Part 8 of the ORM Cost Impact Analysis Guidance for additional guidance.

Description of Impact on Local Partners

Changes in requirements in the regulations promulgated by the Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists may result less stringent educational, experience or exam requirements. This would affect local partners, including the EPA, DEQ, National Parks, and the DOT because less qualified professionals could be in the industry. These less qualified individuals could harm the environment and put the public in danger.

Impacts on Families

Use this chart to describe impacts on families. See Part 8 of the ORM Cost Impact Analysis Guidance for additional guidance.

Description of Impact on Families

Changes to the PSSWPG regulations may impact families by affecting building of homes (is the land suitable to be built on; will there be runoff, will wetlands be affected, etc.).

Changes in requirements in the regulations promulgated by the Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists may result in additional income opportunities for families; a change in fees associated with licensure; and/or a change in practice standards resulting in a monetary benefit to consumers.

Impacts on Small Businesses

Use this chart to describe impacts on small businesses. See Part 8 of the ORM Cost Impact Analysis Guidance for additional guidance.

Description of Impact on Small Businesses

There are many soil scientists, wetland professionals, and geologists that are small businesses.

Changes to the regulations promulgated by the Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists may result in (i) less stringent reporting requirements for each of the professions, equating to less staff time spent on addressing regulatory requirements and more time spent on running their small business; (ii) additional income for small businesses by having the educational burdens reduced on individuals wanting to participate in any of the professions.

Changes to Number of Regulatory Requirements

Not applicable.