

Office of Regulatory Management

Economic Review Form

Agency name	Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals
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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

Identify the local partners impacted by your program (DOLI, DOE, DEQ, etc.).

- Local partners that may be impacted by DPOR's WWOSSP program include the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH).
 - **For each partner, describe the nature of the impact.** Both the WWO and OSSP regulations rely on regulations established other agencies. The WWO regulations incorporate VDH and DEQ regulations to define the classes of wastewater works. When the Board considers developing, amending, or eliminating certain regulations related to WWO, there is collaboration with both VDH and DEQ to ensure the Board's regulation does not contradict the regulations established by VDH or DEQ. Similarly, the OSSP regulations reference VDH in regard to qualifications for onsite soil evaluators, prohibited acts, and a licensee's responsibility. The Board's makeup includes both a VDH representative and a DEQ representative, which allows for discussion prior to the proposed development, amendment, or elimination of a Board regulation.

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

Describe the specific ways in which your program impacts families (employability, transferability of license (i.e. military), impacts on children (i.e. child care needs, etc.)).

- The Board's regulations establish requirements and guidelines so that individuals may obtain licensure through the least restrictive measures, while ensuring the protection of the public. Allowing for various pathways to licensure, the Board provides professional licenses to individuals seeking employment in the waterworks and wastewater works industry, as well as the onsite sewage system industry. With a professional license, an individual may experience more opportunities for career growth and stability, which may be considered impactful to families of licensed individuals.
- Many states require professional licenses for various professions. Having a waterworks, wastewater works, or onsite sewage system professional license may promote

employability of an individual relocating to another state and will also promote the employability of an individual relocating to Virginia. The Board does consider out-of-state licenses, which may make obtaining a license in Virginia easier and quicker.

- As with other DPOR Boards, the WWOSSP Board defers to statute in regard to licensing services offered for military member and veterans. Active-duty military personnel and their spouses may be eligible for extension in meeting license renewal requirements, while veterans may submit “substantially equivalent” military training, education, or experience to use as credit towards license requirements. Additionally, spouses of active-duty military personnel may be eligible for expedited processing or a temporary license in certain circumstances.

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

Identify the ways your program impacts small businesses (which licenses interact with small businesses, regulations that impact them directly or indirectly).

- The Board issues licenses to individual waterworks and wastewater works operators and onsite sewage system professionals, not to business entities or firms. Licensed waterworks and wastewater works professionals are likely owners or employees of a small business. The same is true for onsite sewage system professionals. As such, the amendment, establishment, or elimination of regulations may ultimately have an impact on small businesses. The Board’s regulations pertaining to experience and education requirements, fees, and continuing education requirements are the most likely to affect a small business.
- Training course providers also may be included as small businesses that are affected by the Board’s regulations. The board requires training providers, for both WWO and OSSP, to obtain approval for training courses offered. Regulations pertaining to application procedures and course requirements affect training course providers that may be categorized as a small business.

Changes to Number of Regulatory Requirements

Not Applicable.