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Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

| Agency name | Virginia Department of Health |
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| Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation | 12VAC5-590 |
| Regulation title | Commonwealth of Virginia Waterworks Regulations |
| Action title | Amend regulations pertaining to publication of annual Consumer Confidence Report |
| Final agency action date | |
| Document preparation date | December 2, 2011 |

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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

The addition of this language is a result of legislation by the 2011 General Assembly (CHAP0843). The Assembly expressed its desire that the *Waterworks Regulations* include provisions for a waiver for community waterworks serving less than 10,000 persons from the requirement to mail the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) annually to each customer. Instead, eligible waterworks would be allowed to publish their annual CCRs in a local newspaper or newspapers if certain conditions are met. The mailing waiver provision is allowable under the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (40 CFR 141.155(g)).

Statement of final agency action

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Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.

On ______, 2012, the State Health Commissioner, vested with the authority of the State Board of Health pursuant to § 32.1-20 of the *Code of Virginia*, adopted final amendments to the *Waterworks Regulations* 12VAC5-590-545.

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

This addition will have no impact on the institution of the family and family stability.