



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Department of General Services Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	1VAC30-45 and 1VAC30-46
Regulation title	Certification for Noncommercial Environmental Laboratories and Accreditation for Commercial Environmental Laboratories
Action title	Exemption for laboratories using protocols pursuant to §10.1-104.2
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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.

To conform to the amendment made to §2.2-1105 by Chapter 99 of the 2012 Acts of Assembly, the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services has revised the definition of "environmental analysis" in the regulations governing the Virginia Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (1VAC30-45 and 1VAC30-46). The definition is revised to include an exemption for laboratories using protocols pursuant to §10.1-104.2 to determine soil fertility, animal manure nutrient content, or plant tissue nutrient uptake for the purposes of nutrient management. Section 10.1-104.2 of the Code of Virginia governs the voluntary nutrient management training and certification program.

Statement of final agency action

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The Director of the Department of General Services approved the revised regulations on August 27, 2012. The regulations are entitled Certification for Noncommercial Environmental Laboratories (1VAC30-45) and Accreditation for Commercial Environmental Laboratories (1VAC30-46).

Family impact

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

It is not anticipated that the action will have a direct impact on families.