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SUBJECT: Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for the reissuance of Virginia Water Protection (VWP) General Permits in 9VAC25-660, 9VAC25-670, 9VAC25-680, and 9VAC25-690 Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: March 25, 2025

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) held a Technical Advisory Committee meeting on 3/25/2025 at 1:00 am at the 1111 East Main St. Richmond, Virginia 23219 (Bank of America 3rd Floor Conference Room) to gain concurrence on amendments to and the reissuance of the four VWP general permits note above.

The following advisory committee members attended the meeting:

Table with 1 column and 4 rows listing attendees: Jean Bradford, Eli Wright, Taylor Parker, Karen Johnson.

The following advisory committee members was not in attendance: Andrew Clark (Home Builders Association of Virginia)

The following interested members of the public attended the meeting:

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The following DEQ staff attended the meeting:

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**Welcome and Introductions:**

DEQ staff opened the meeting by welcoming participants and outlining the purpose of the group. Additionally, staff reviewed guidelines for members participating in advisory discussions, including what constitutes a public meeting and the FOIA requirements for public meetings.

DEQ staff facilitated discussions and provided a presentation outlining the proposed amendments. The purpose of the TAC was to discuss reissuance to VWP general permits and review and discuss proposed amendments to the existing VWP general permit regulations to incorporate into the reissued permits.

**Proposed Revisions to General Permit Regulations**

The advisory group reviewed proposed amendments. Key discussion points included: the removal of outdated permit transition provisions; the consolidation of transition, continuation, and expiration provisions into a single, existing section; the reapplication provisions for general permit coverage; and administrative continuance options. Members discussed timing of reapplication application submittals needed, need for re-coordination with resource management agencies, and the need to plan in advance for to obtain new general permit to avoid potential project delays. The group also examined changes designed to accommodate different application formats, such as online systems and VDOT-specific processes, while maintaining DEQ approval standards. The group discussed replacing references to the Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control and Stormwater Management Handbooks with the appropriate regulatory citation to address conflicts arising from frequent revisions and potential conflicting requirements. Finally, administrative edits, including typo corrections, code citation updates, and updating forms were addressed. The committee concurred with the proposed ten-year permit term, targeting an effective date of August 2, 2026, and an expiration date of August 1, 2036.

Two suggestions were made outside of the NOIRA scope regarding utility line impact corridors and project self-inspection procedures. DEQ staff agreed to consider these comments and work with the regulated community to address, to the extent possible.

**Action Items:**

DEQ staff will review internal procedures to attempt to address comments made regarding outside scope topics at the meeting.

**Follow-up Meeting:**

No follow-up meeting was proposed.