



January Deadline for Registration Statements Postponed

Stormwater Permit Renewal

Industrial Storm Water General Permit holders received a recent letter from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality describing the proposed renewal of industrial stormwater permits. Current stormwater permits expire on June 30, 2004 and according to current requirements, to continue to discharge stormwater to State waters, a registration statement to renew the permit must be submitted by January 3, 2004. **This deadline is not being enforced** since DEQ has not issued a final renewal permit. For the renewal process, DEQ anticipates having the new permit in place by April 1, 2004. At that time the new Registration Statement to be submitted, along with fee forms and permit renewal instructions will be mailed to permit holders by the DEQ. All information, instructions and forms will also be posted on DEQ's web site.

There are some proposed changes to effluent limits pertaining to different types of facilities. In addition to these new limits imposed by the proposed permit, the facility will be required to develop a stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP), which is intended to identify potential sources of pollution which may reasonably be expected to affect the quality of stormwater discharges from the site. Furthermore, the requirement for a VPDES permit and associated SWPPP will be imposed on any construction activity that disturbs more than one acre. Other potential revisions include an increase in the list of monitoring parameters from 2 to 9, limits placed on the constituents that will be enforceable, and required annual sampling.

A public hearing concerning these proposed changes is scheduled for January 13, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. at the Piedmont Regional Office of DEQ. Copies of the proposed regulatory changes will be available and public comments will be received.

If you have questions now and/or would like a copy of the draft permit, please contact Matt Overton (moverton@daa.com) at (804) 264-2228 or Mike Lawless (mlawless@daa.com) at (540) 552-0444.

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