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Virginia Waste Management Board Approves Amendment 3 to VSWMR

The Virginia Waste Management Board held its quarterly meeting on Monday, January 14th. After several earlier but unsuccessful attempts at meeting in December and January (canceled due to weather and holidays), the Board approved the Draft of Amendment 3 to the Virginia Solid Waste Management Regulations (VSWMR) as proposed by DEQ staff. However, several members of the Board had received letters indicating opposition to the needs demonstration requirement of the regulation. The needs demonstration requires that there be less than 20 years of permitted disposal capacity: 1) within a 75 mile radius (or the contiguous planning region) or 2) state-wide, before a permit application for a proposed new or expanding landfill facility, will be reviewed. This issue was the focus of considerable debate during the Amendment 3 Technical Advisory Committee meetings. Thus, the DEQ will be requesting input from the public on this issue during the public participation phase.

The public participation phase for Amendment 3 will not begin until after a review is completed by the Department of Planning and Budget, as well as by the Secretary of Natural Resources and the Governor's office.

Draper Aden Associates will keep you informed as to when this regulation will be published for public comment, and will provide a summary of changes for ease of review. In the meantime, please contact Jeff Crate (jcrate@daa.com) at (540) 552-0444 or Bill Sperry (bspeery@daa.com) at (804) 264-2228, with any questions that you may have.

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