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General VPDES Watershed Regulation

Comment Period To Open for New Permit Regulation

The comment period for new general permit regulation regarding the General Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) Watershed Permit Regulation for Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorus Discharges and Nutrient Trading in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed in Virginia will open on May 2, 2005. The changes to the regulation are predicted to provide a way to facilitate a cost effective reduction of pollutants.

This new regulation will include:

- Annual wasteload allocations for total nitrogen and total phosphorus for each permitted facility;
- A compliance schedule;
- Reporting and monitoring requirements;
- A procedure to secure general permit coverage;
- A procedure for modifying the list of facilities covered by the general permit;
- Other conditions deemed necessary by the State Water Control Board in order to meet all State and Federal requirements.

The State Water Control Board is seeking comments on the intended regulatory action. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will be holding a series of public meetings for comments and public participation. The meeting schedule can be seen on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall web site at <http://www.townhall.state.va.us/>.

The Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) will be published on May 2, 2005 and the comment period will close on June 1, 2005. Written comments may be submitted at the public meetings, by mail to the DEQ to the attention of Allan Brockenbrough at P.O. Box 10009, Richmond, VA 23240-0009 or by email to abrockenbrough@deq.virginia.gov. Anonymous comments will not be considered.

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