

DEQ Waste Division Gets New Name

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On December 16th, the Governor approved Amendment 7 of the Virginia Solid Waste Management Regulations (VSWMR) for publication in the Virginia Register. A 30-day public notice period is anticipated, after which DEQ will set a formal implementation date (likely 30 days from the end of the public notice period). DEQ will work with stakeholder groups* to establish collaborative training event(s) for the regulated community. These will hopefully be held sometime during the 1st quarter of 2011. DEQ is also in the process of finalizing several new guidance documents to be used for implementation.

Draper Aden Associates previously conducted a training event on Amendment 7, and has developed a summary of the many changes made. Please contact us if you would like a copy of this summary. *Note: The process for Amendment 8 to the VSWMR will likely begin in early 2011. Stay tuned!*

Inspection Manual

The awaited Solid Waste Inspector's Manual is set to be released during the week of Christmas, and will be distributed to stakeholder groups* as well as posted on the DEQ web page. One new highlight pertains to gas exceedances at compliance monitoring points. Going forward, the DEQ does not intend to issue NOV's, warning letters, etc., if a facility exceeds the standard, provided the facility notifies DEQ of the exceedance(s) within the required time frame, and designs / implements a gas remediation plan. Once the Inspector's Manual is put into practice, input from the regulated community, as well as operational experiences will be taken into account for future changes.

Name Change

The DEQ Waste Division name has been changed to "Division of Land Protection and Revitalization" (DLPR) to better align with the Agency's Strategic Plan, i.e. to clean-up contaminated media (both soil and groundwater) and to the greatest extent possible return the land to an appropriate productive use. DEQ states that while waste management is an important aspect of the services provided by the Division, the larger view is reflected in the new name. Frequent updates regarding changes / improvements to the DLPR will be posted on its web page beginning in January.

***Note:** Stakeholder groups include the regulated community and the organizations that represent them, such as the Virginia Waste Industries Association (VWIA), the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA), and the Southwest Virginia Solid Waste Management Association (SVSWMA).



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