

Commonwealth of Virginia Unified Regulatory Plan (URP): Guidance Documents

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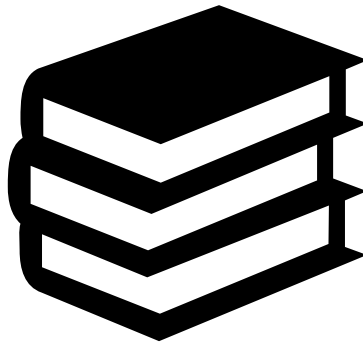


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Secretariat of Administration

Virginia Department of Elections (ELECT)

Total Guidance Actions for FY26 = 6

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
N/A		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Summaries of Campaign Finance Laws and Policies (Amendments)		
Brief Overview		
Consists of 6 individual documents that summarize laws and policies concerning the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act of 2006. These summaries outline requirements for candidate campaign committees, political action committees, political parties, referendum committees, inaugural committees, and out-of-state political committees. These documents consist of a lot of the same information (such as definitions) and can be reduced and consolidated.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute	☐ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	The amendments will result in a reduction of 19,344 words from a total of 90,063 words between all 6 documents.	
Expected Date	December 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) N/A	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document SBE Policy 2008-005 Reproduction of Optical Scan Ballots	
Brief Overview The SBE grants approval to any locality which uses optical scan ballots at one or more precincts, including central absentee precinct, to use the optical scan ballot or printed reproductions of the optical scan ballot in lieu of the official paper ballot. All copies shall be made and accounted for according to instructions provided by the State Board of Elections. This SBE policy is recommended for removal based on the passage of legislation, which codified or contradicted the policy requirements.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute ☐ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	This removal will result in a reduction of 326 words.
Expected Date	July 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) N/A	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document SBE Policy 2008-013 Calculation of Voters Voting Precinct	
Brief Overview The SBE established a policy which stated an electoral board may properly determine that the calculation of voters voting in a precinct under § 24.2-307 may exclude absentee voters. Due to legislation which amended § 24.2-607(C) of the Code of Virginia this guidance document is no longer needed.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	This removal will result in a reduction of 424 words.
Expected Date	July 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) N/A	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document SBE Policy 2009-002 Definition of “exhibit other campaign material”	
Brief Overview The SBE established a policy which defined exhibiting campaign material at polling places. However, statutory amendments to § 24.2-604(D) of the Code of Virginia ultimately codified the language in this document so it can be repealed.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	This removal will result in a reduction of 286 words.
Expected Date	July 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) N/A		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document SBE Policy 2009-003 Contents of Voter History Lists Authorized by 24.2-406		
Brief Overview This policy defines the data fields the SBE may include on lists containing voter history information that are sent to authorized entities pursuant to §§ 24.2-406 and 24.2-407 of the Code of Virginia. This policy was created in 2009 when the Code of Virginia required the SBE to send voter history lists to specific eligible entities. However, with the passage of Chapter 712 of the 2015 Governor's Acts of Assembly Chapter, this requirement was amended and delegated to ELECT so the policy is no longer required.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute	☐ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	This removal will result in a reduction of 310 words.	
Expected Date	July 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) N/A	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document SBE Policy 2019-001 Candidate Filings for Special Elections	
Brief Overview Establishes that no person may submit the required candidate qualification documents until an appropriate authority has issued the writ ordering the election, excepting special elections in May or November. This policy can be repealed as it was codified during the 2024 General Assembly Session in Chapter 498 of the Governor's Acts of Assembly, which amended §24.2-506(A).	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute ☐ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	This removal will result in a reduction of 176 words.
Expected Date	July 2025

Virginia Information and Technologies Agency (VITA)

Total Guidance Actions for FY26 = 10

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 7675	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document IT Procurement Manual (Buy IT)	
Brief Overview This manual contains guidance and best practices for executive branch agencies procuring IT goods and services within their delegated authority limits.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute ☐ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	The spring 2025 Buy IT update streamlined it significantly. In the FY26 update, VITA intends to reflect statutory and executive policy changes and to continue to pursue streamlining and clarification.
Expected Date	December 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 7383	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Commonwealth Security and Cloud Requirements	
Brief Overview This document provides clarification and guidance to executive branch agency procurement personnel on Commonwealth Security and Risk Management requirements for cloud oversight (currently known as COV RAMP, formerly known as Enterprise Cloud Oversight Service [ECOS]).	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☒ Guidance Document ☐ Exempt Action
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Discretionary action ☒ Action required by state statute
Deregulatory Component	Updates will be made as necessary, in compliance with statutory and executive policy changes. VITA also intends to update this document for clarity and harmony with non-guidance documents describing current practices.
Expected Date	December 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) EA 300-01	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Cloud Based Hosting Services Information Technology Solutions Policy	
Brief Overview The purpose of this policy is to establish guiding principles for creating optimal business value from IT-enabled business investments at acceptable cost and risk.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute ☐ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	Updates will be made as necessary, in compliance with statutory and executive policy changes. VITA also intends to update this document for clarity and harmony with non-guidance documents describing current practices.
Expected Date	December 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) CPM 112-04.2	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Project Management Standard	
Brief Overview This standard applies to Commonwealth-level IT projects and IT procurements. It establishes the mandatory procedures and required documentation for governance and oversight over the lifecycle of these IT projects and investments.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute ☐ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	Procurement and approval processes are being modernized and streamlined. Further administrative updates and refinements are possible.
Expected Date	June 2026

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) CPM-110-04	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Project Management Guideline	
Brief Overview The primary objective of the Commonwealth Project Management Guideline is to provide guidance on the application of the COV Project Management Standard and the use of common industry best practices in the management of IT projects within Virginia Executive Branch Commonwealth agencies.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute ☐ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	Updates will be made as necessary to reflect statutory and executive policy changes and to reflect recent and emerging project management methodologies.
Expected Date	June 2026

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 7323	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document IT Procurement: Telecommunications Waiver Policy	
Brief Overview This document provides guidance on the waiver process component of telecommunications procurement – namely, the granting of waivers to agencies to allow them to use non-VITA contracts for the procurement of telecommunications goods and services.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☒ Guidance Document ☐ Exempt Action
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Discretionary action ☒ Action required by state statute
Deregulatory Component	Updates will be made as necessary, in compliance with statutory and executive policy changes and in connection with VITA’s modernization of telecom services.
Expected Date	June 2026

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 7319	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document IT Procurement: Sole Source Policy	
Brief Overview This document delineates the criteria for when executive branch state agencies can use a sole source procurement method for IT goods and services; and provides the process for agencies to obtain sole source approval.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute ☐ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	Updates will be made as necessary, in compliance with statutory and executive policy changes.
Expected Date	June 2026

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 7317	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document IT Procurement: Emergency Procurement Policy	
Brief Overview This document provides the criteria and guidance to executive branch agencies for their use of the emergency procurement of IT goods and services pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2- 4303(F). It also provides the process for obtaining emergency procurement approval.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute ☐ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	Updates will be made as necessary, in compliance with statutory and executive policy changes.
Expected Date	June 2026

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 7314	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document IT Procurement Policy for Enhancing and Expanding Contracting Opportunities for Small, Women- and Minority-owned Businesses	
Brief Overview This document provides procurement guidelines to executive branch agencies, and is designed to enhance and expand contracting opportunities for small businesses, including micro businesses, women-owned, minority owned, and service-disabled veterans (SWaM) owned IT and telecommunications small businesses, to participate in the Commonwealth's procurement process. This document interprets EO 35 for agencies purchasing IT; includes definitions for what is a SWaM business; and informs agencies of set asides under certain procurement amounts and required processes.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute ☐ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	Updates will be made as necessary, in compliance with statutory and executive policy changes.
Expected Date	June 2026

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 7324	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document IT Procurement: Authority and Delegation Policies	
Brief Overview The policies contained in this document clarify VITA's statutorily mandated responsibility for the procurement of information technology (IT) as provided in § 2.2-2012 of the Code of Virginia. These policies identify situations where Chief Information Officer (CIO) approval is required, specify when VITA may delegate its procurement authority, and outline the policies agencies should follow when purchasing IT under delegated authority from VITA. These policies apply to agencies as defined by § 2.2-2006.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute ☐ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	Updates will be made as necessary, in compliance with statutory and executive policy changes.
Expected Date	June 2026

Secretariat of Agriculture and Forestry

Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS)

Total Guidance Actions for FY26 = 2

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Not available		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
2025 Virginia Cooperative Spongy Moth Suppression Program (Guidance Document)		
Brief Overview		
The proposed changes will update the guidelines to reflect the dates relevant to the Virginia Cooperative Spongy Moth Suppression Program.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed Rule ☐ Final Rule	☐ Emergency Rule ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☐ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component		
Expected Date	August 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not available	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Charitable Gaming Civil Penalty Matrix (Guidance document)	
Brief Overview The Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services is expected to adopt a Charitable Gaming Law Civil Penalty Matrix to guide the administration of the Commissioner's authority to assess a civil penalty or deny, suspend, or revoke a permit pursuant to the Charitable Gaming Law.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed Rule ☐ Final Rule ☐ Emergency Rule ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	
Expected Date	October 2025

Secretariat of Commerce and Trade

Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)

Total Guidance Actions for FY26 = 4

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Update to Job Creation Grant Instruction Manual for GY2025		
Brief Overview State Code (§59.1-541.) authorizes the BHCD to promulgate rules and regulations prescribing procedures for implementing the Enterprise Zone Grant Program (13VAC5-112). The program provides two grant-based incentives, the Job Creation Grant and the Real Property Investment Grant. This guidance document provides instructions for qualifying for the Job Creation Grant and is updated on an annual basis to reflect the timelines and deadlines of the new grant year, as well as incorporate revisions to improve efficiency and understanding of program requirements.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Discretionary Action ☐ Action required by state statute	
Deregulatory Component	Guidance document will comply with most recent legislation and requirements of Executive Directive 1 (2022) and Executive Order 19 (2022).	
Expected Date	November 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Update to Real Property Investment Grant Instruction Manual for GY2025	
Brief Overview State Code (§59.1-541.) authorizes the BHCD to promulgate rules and regulations prescribing procedures for implementing the Enterprise Zone Grant Program (13VAC5-112). The program provides two grant-based incentives, the Job Creation Grant and the Real Property Investment Grant. This guidance document provides instructions for qualifying for the Real Property Investment Grant and is updated on an annual basis to reflect the timelines and deadlines of the new grant year, as well as incorporate revisions to improve efficiency and understanding of program requirements. This update will also incorporate the new provisions associated with Chapter 250 of the 2025 Acts of Assembly (HB2163).	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Guidance document will comply with most recent legislation and requirements of Executive Directive 1 (2022) and Executive Order 19 (2022).
Expected Date	November 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Update to CPA Agreed-Upon Procedures Instruction Manual for GY2025		
Brief Overview State Code (§59.1-541.) authorizes the BHCD to promulgate rules and regulations prescribing procedures for implementing the Enterprise Zone Grant Program (13VAC5-112). The program provides two grant-based incentives, the Job Creation Grant (JCG) and the Real Property Investment Grant (RPIG). This guidance document provides instructions for CPAs performing the Agreed-Upon Procedures that are reported in the CPA Attestation Report and required for both JCG and RPIG applications. This guidance document is updated on an annual basis to reflect the timelines and deadlines of the new grant year, as well as incorporate revisions to improve efficiency and understanding of program requirements. This update will also incorporate the new provisions associated with Chapter 250 of the 2025 Acts of Assembly (HB2163).		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Guidance document will comply with most recent legislation and requirements of Executive Directive 1 (2022) and Executive Order 19 (2022).	
Expected Date	November 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Update to Virginia Private Activity Bond Local Housing Authority Guidelines		
Brief Overview State Code (§ 15.2-5003.) directs the BHCD to establish guidelines for the allocation of the state's private activity bond volume cap to local housing authorities and the Governor's Pool (State Allocation). This guidance document provides instructions on the administration of and application for the bond allocations. This action is intended to include minor and technical changes to improve the efficiency and understanding of the bond allocation process.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Guidance document will comply with requirements of Executive Directive 1 (2022) and Executive Order 19 (2022).	
Expected Date	November 2025	

Virginia Department of Energy (ENERGY)

Total Guidance Actions for FY26 = 2

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Not Available	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Update Coal Mine Safety Guidelines for Application of Regulatory Standards Manual	
Brief Overview This is a revision to existing guidance document “Coal Mine Safety Guidelines for Application of the Regulatory Standards Manual” that is intended to promote improved performance and effectiveness in the administration and application of the Coal Mine Safety Laws of Virginia. § 45.2-103 of the Code of Virginia requires the department to adopt regulations necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and the execution of its powers. A review of this guidance document identified several opportunities to reduce regulatory burdens related to worker certification and electrical equipment requirements.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☒ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	This is a guidance document developed by and for Coal Mine Safety (CMS) personnel. Updates include streamlining processes, removing obsolete language, and reducing regulatory burdens by providing alternative pathways to compliance.
Expected Date	September 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Not Available	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
Departmental Review of Guidance Documents Related to Mineral Mining	
Brief Overview	
The agency is working with the Department of Mineral Mining team to review and evaluate department guidance documents to ensure documents on Town Hall are relevant, current, and definitionally guidance documents.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☒ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	This action will help to reduce regulatory burden by ensuring guidance documents are current. Additionally, this action will help reduce regulatory confusion.
Expected Date	April 2026

Secretariat of Education

Virginia Department of Education (VDOE)

Total Guidance Actions for FY26 = 9

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document HB2774 School-connected student overdoses; policies relating to parental notification, guidelines.		
Brief Overview School-connected student overdoses; policies relating to parental notification. Requires public school principals and heads of private schools in the Commonwealth to report certain information to the parents of enrolled students within 24 hours of a confirmed or suspected school-connected student overdose, as defined in the bill. This bill incorporates HB 2287 and HB 2424 and is identical to SB 1240 .		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute	☐ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component		
Expected Date	July 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document HB2774 School-connected student overdoses; policies relating to parental notification, guidelines.		
Brief Overview School-connected student overdoses; policies relating to parental notification. Requires public school principals and heads of private schools in the Commonwealth to report certain information to the parents of enrolled students within 24 hours of a confirmed or suspected school-connected student overdose, as defined in the bill. This bill incorporates HB 2287 and HB 2424 and is identical to SB 1240 .		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute	☐ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component		
Expected Date	July 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document <u>Revisions to the Board's Approved Industry Certifications, Occupational Competency Assessments, and Professional Licenses</u>		
Brief Overview The Board will do an update to the Approved Industry Certifications, Occupational Competency Assessments, and Professional Licenses to account for changes made by HB2360, which allows the diploma seal of biliteracy to qualify as a career and technical education credential.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
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Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute	☐ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component		
Expected Date	July 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Revisions to the Board's Approved Courses to Satisfy Graduation Requirements for the Standard, Advanced Studies, and Modified Standard Diplomas in Virginia Public Schools		
Brief Overview The Board will do an update to the Approved Courses to Satisfy Graduation Requirements for the Standard, Advanced Studies, and Modified Standard Diplomas in Virginia Public Schools to account for changes in.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute	☐ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component		
Expected Date	July 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document HB2679 School boards; threat assessment teams and procedures, etc.		
Brief Overview School boards; threat assessment teams and procedures; parental notification of students determined to pose a threat of violence or physical harm to self or others; provision of certain recognition and response materials required. Requires each division superintendent or his designee to provide materials on recognition of and strategies for responding to behavior indicating that a student poses a threat of violence or physical harm to himself or others to the parent or legal guardian of any student who, according to a preliminary determination from a threat assessment team, poses such a threat. The bill specifies that the provision of such materials shall occur either in the initial attempt to immediately notify such student's parent or legal guardian pursuant to applicable law or through a separate communication to such student's parent or legal guardian made as soon as practicable thereafter. The bill (i) requires such materials to be selected in accordance with the criteria and guidelines developed by the Board of Education pursuant to the provisions of the bill; (ii) requires such materials to include information on the requirements set forth in applicable law relating to the safe storage of firearms in the presence of minors; and (iii) permits such materials to include guidance on best practices and strategies for limiting a student's access to lethal means, including firearms and medications.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute	☐ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component		
Expected Date	August 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document HB1663 Public schools; guidelines and policies on student-athlete extreme heat safety and protection.		
Brief Overview Public schools; interscholastic sports and athletics; guidelines and policies on student-athlete extreme heat safety and protection; development and implementation. Requires the Board of Education to develop, biennially review and update as necessary, and distribute to each local school division guidelines on policies relating to extreme heat safety and protection for student-athletes. The bill requires each school board to develop and update, in accordance with the guidelines developed by the Board of Education, policies on student-athlete extreme heat safety and protection that (i) are consistent with any heat guidelines based on Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) levels developed by an organization or entity whose purpose it is to regulate or govern interscholastic athletics programs in the Commonwealth; (ii) establish tiered heat-acclimatization and modification procedures for outdoor athletics practices or games based on the WBGT levels to reduce the risks associated with extreme heat faced by student-athletes; (iii) require student-athletes to be given unhindered access to hydration at all times; (iv) include procedures relating to preventing, recognizing, and addressing heat-related illnesses; and (v) establish a process for reporting and investigating any instance in which a student-athlete experiences a heat-related illness requiring emergency medical treatment or resulting in death. This bill is identical to SB 1104 .		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☐ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component		
Expected Date	September 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document SB908 Public schools; student discipline and codes of conduct, etc.		
Brief Overview Public schools; student discipline and codes of conduct; prevention of and response to cyberbullying; policies and procedures required. Requires the Board of Education to include in its guidelines and model policies for codes of student conduct developed pursuant to applicable law standards for school board policies on cyberbullying, defined in the bill as bullying that occurs through the use of technology, including through cell phones and other electronic devices and technology capable of accessing the Internet. The bill requires each school board to expand on its policies and procedures relating to the prevention and prohibition of bullying that are included in its student conduct policies and procedures pursuant to relevant law by including policies and procedures that (i) address instances of cyberbullying that occur outside of school property between students enrolled in the school division; (ii) provide protections designed to ensure that any student who is a victim of or a witness to an instance of cyberbullying is not deterred from reporting or seeking support for such instance of cyberbullying by fears of retaliation, social alienation or rejection, or other negative treatment; and (iii) include a list of support services and resources available through each public school to any student who is a victim of cyberbullying relating to reporting and seeking support after experiencing an instance of cyberbullying.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute	☐ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component		
Expected Date	February 2026	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Not available		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Revisions to the Board's Approved Courses to Satisfy Graduation Requirements for the Standard, Advanced Studies, and Modified Standard Diplomas in Virginia Public Schools		
Brief Overview		
The Board will do an annual update to the Approved Courses to Satisfy Graduation Requirements for the Standard, Advanced Studies, and Modified Standard Diplomas in Virginia Public Schools.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component		
Expected Date	June 2026	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Not available		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Revisions to the Board's Approved Industry Certifications, Occupational Competency Assessments, and Professional Licenses		
Brief Overview		
The Board will do an annual update to the Approved Industry Certifications, Occupational Competency Assessments, and Professional Licenses.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component		
Expected Date	June 2026	

Secretariat of Finance

Virginia Department of Taxation (Virginia Tax)

Total Guidance Actions for FY26 = 1

Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Updated Firearm Safety Device Tax Credit Guidelines	
Brief Overview During the 2025 Session, the General Assembly enacted House Bill 2595 (2025 Act of Assembly, Chapter 289) and Senate Bill 1389 (2025 Act of Assembly, Chapter 303), which amend the definition of an “eligible transaction” for the Firearm Safety Device Tax Credit to allow a qualifying firearm safety device to be purchased from a “commercial retailer” defined as a business that sells goods or services to customers in a retail setting and is properly registered as a dealer pursuant to Va. Code § 58.1-613. Previously, only purchases from federally licensed retailers were permitted. Prior legislation required the Department to publish guidelines, which it has done. However, such guidelines will have to be updated to reflect the enhancements made by these Acts.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed Rule ☐ Final Rule ☐ Emergency Rule ☐ Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Rule ☐ Exempt Rule ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute ☐ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	Although this action will not reduce the number of guidance documents maintained by the Department, by providing guidance regarding the legislation, the action will remove a potential source of confusion to taxpayers and tax practitioners.
Expected Date	December 2025

Secretariat of Health and Human Resources

Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS)

Total Guidance Actions for FY26 = 5

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) N/A		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidelines for the Management of Individuals Found Not Guilty By Reason of Insanity (FOR 01)		
Brief Overview The guidelines provide specific instructions for use by DBHDS facility staff and CSB personnel regarding clinical and administrative management of individuals who have been committed by the courts. The internal procedures are recommended for deletion as not meeting the standard for guidance.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track 	
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document 	
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action 	
Deregulatory Component	Rescinding this 235-page document will reduce the Department's guidance count by approximately 59,800 words.	
Expected Date	October 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) N/A	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Not Guilty By Reason of Insanity: Reference Manual for CSBs/BHAs (FOR 03)	
Brief Overview The reference manual provides specific instructions for CSB/BHA staff working with acquittees and individuals on conditional release. The internal procedures are recommended for deletion as not meeting the standard for guidance.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Rescinding this 220-page document will reduce the Department's guidance count by approximately 54,450 words.
Expected Date	October 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) N/A	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Adult Outpatient Competency Restoration Manual for CSBs/BHAs (FOR 04)	
Brief Overview This manual and training course supplement provides specific instructions for CSB/BHA staff working with defendants ordered to participate in outpatient competency restoration. The internal procedures are recommended for deletion as not meeting the standard for guidance.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Rescinding this 230-page document will reduce the Department's guidance count by approximately 47,650 words.
Expected Date	October 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) N/A	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Additional Information on Code of Virginia §§ 19.2-169.1 and 19.2-169.2 (FOR 06)	
Brief Overview This legislative summary provides an overview of changes to forensic evaluation reporting requirements made by the 2023 Session of the General Assembly. The bulletin is recommended for deletion as not meeting the standard for guidance.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Rescinding this three-page document will reduce the Department's guidance count by approximately 1,400 words.
Expected Date	October 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) N/A	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Certified Recovery Residences (ORS 01)	
Brief Overview This legislative summary provides an overview of the regulatory program for recovery residences established by the 2019 Session of the General Assembly. The bulletin is recommended for deletion as not meeting the standard for guidance.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Rescinding this two-page document will reduce the Department's guidance count by approximately 800 words.
Expected Date	October 2025

Virginia Department of Health Professions (DHP)

Total Guidance Actions for FY26 = 3

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) N/A		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Repeal of Guidance Document 75-2 of the Board of Health Professions		
Brief Overview Due to legislation eliminating the Board of Health Professions, which is effective July 1, 2025, the agency will repeal previous regulations and guidance documents of the Board of Health Professions.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed Rule ☐ Final Rule ☐ Emergency Rule ☐ Fast-Track Rule	
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Rule ☐ Exempt Rule ☒ Guidance Document	
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute ☐ Discretionary action	
Deregulatory Component	Elimination of guidance document	
Expected Date	July 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) N/A	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Repeal of Guidance Document 75-4 of the Board of Health Professions	
Brief Overview Due to legislation eliminating the Board of Health Professions, which is effective July 1, 2025, the agency will repeal previous regulations and guidance documents of the Board of Health Professions.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed Rule ☐ Final Rule ☐ Emergency Rule ☐ Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Rule ☐ Exempt Rule ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute ☐ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	Elimination of guidance document
Expected Date	July 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Revision of Guidance Document 110-9.	
Brief Overview Guidance Document 110-9 provides a listing of pharmacy inspection deficiencies and associated fines approved for those deficiencies by the Board. This document changes regularly due to federal legislation, federal regulatory changes, federal guidance (USP and FDA), and Virginia statutory changes. It is reviewed at almost every Board meeting for necessary revisions.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed Rule ☐ Final Rule ☐ Emergency Rule ☐ Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Rule ☐ Exempt Rule ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	
Expected Date	September 2025

Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS)

Total Guidance Actions for FY26 = 1

Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document DMAS Provider Manuals and Medicaid Memos	
Brief Overview The Department will release updated provider manuals and Medicaid Memos as needed in SFY2026 to reflect changes in federal and state requirements.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed Rule ☐ Final Rule ☐ Emergency Rule ☐ Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Rule ☐ Exempt Rule ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☒ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	These guidance documents will communicate important updates to providers.
Expected Date	June 2026

Virginia Department of Health (VDH)

Total Guidance Actions for FY26 = 3

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Not available		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
WTR-2024-01(SF) Policy for Virginia's Public Health Shellfish Program		
Brief Overview		
Update guidance document to comply with most recent version of the National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP) Guide for the Control of Molluscan Shellfish (2024)		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☒ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	None	
Expected Date	August 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not available		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document ENV2011-01 – Rainwater Guidelines		
Brief Overview Repeal Guidance Document associated with the use of gray water and rainwater in response to promulgation and enactment of Rainwater Harvesting Regulations (12VAC5-635).		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Deletion of 3,737 word Guidance Document	
Expected Date	October 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not available		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document FAM 202 – Virginia Women, Infants and Children Program Retailer Manual		
Brief Overview Amend outdated Guidance Document from 2019 to reflect most recent agency guidance		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	None	
Expected Date	November 2025	

Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS)

Total Guidance Actions for FY26 = 9

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Not Available	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
Child & Family Services Manual-Chapter A Practice Foundations	
Brief Overview	
The guidance manual will need to be updated to implement legislation passed during the 2024 session of the General Assembly (Chapters 662 and 629) and the related exempt regulatory action approved by the Governor's Office on November 15, 2024.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed Rule ☐ Final Rule ☐ Emergency Rule ☐ Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Rule ☐ Exempt Rule ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute ☐ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	N/A
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Child & Family Services Manual-Chapter B Prevention Services	
Brief Overview The guidance manual will need to be updated to implement legislation passed during the 2024 session of the General Assembly (Chapters 662 and 629) and the related exempt regulatory action approved by the Governor's Office on November 15, 2024.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed Rule ☐ Final Rule ☐ Emergency Rule ☐ Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Rule ☐ Exempt Rule ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute ☐ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	N/A
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Division of Child Support Enforcement Program Manual	
Brief Overview The DSS Division of Child Support Enforcement proposes at least one update to its program manual every year.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed Rule ☐ Final Rule ☐ Emergency Rule ☐ Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Rule ☐ Exempt Rule ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	The Program Guidance team is actively researching what text is no longer appropriate in a public guidance manual. For example, the glossary, list of abbreviations, and resources chapter contain helpful but unnecessary information. Some areas we can explore long term include reducing the Resources chapter, consolidating the non-IV-D (NIVD) chapter, and removing internal processes related to the State Disbursement Unit (SDU) in the Fiscal chapter.
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Child & Family Services Manual –Chapter E Foster Care	
Brief Overview The guidance manual will need to be updated to reflect 2025 legislation. Changes will be made to incorporate Chapters 200, 568, and 354 of the 2025 Acts of Assembly.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed Rule ☐ Final Rule ☐ Emergency Rule ☐ Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Rule ☐ Exempt Rule ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☐ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	N/A
Expected Date	October 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Not Available	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
Energy Assistance Program Manual	
Brief Overview	
Update guidance based on 2025 budget language. Item 330.C. of the 2025 Appropriation Act changed the allowable application period for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed Rule ☐ Final Rule ☐ Emergency Rule ☐ Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Rule ☐ Exempt Rule ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute ☐ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	N/A
Expected Date	October 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Child & Family Services Manual-Chapter F Adoption	
Brief Overview The guidance manual will need to be updated to reflect 2025 legislation. Changes will be made to incorporate Chapters 547 and 143 of the 2025 Acts of Assembly	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed Rule ☐ Final Rule ☐ Emergency Rule ☐ Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Rule ☐ Exempt Rule ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute ☐ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	N/A
Expected Date	October 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Manual	
Brief Overview The guidance manual will need to be updated to reflect any changes to income limits issued by the federal government in September/October 2025.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed Rule ☐ Final Rule ☐ Emergency Rule ☐ Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Rule ☐ Exempt Rule ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☒ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☐ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	N/A
Expected Date	November 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Manual	
Brief Overview The guidance manual will need to be updated to reflect any changes to income limits issued by the federal government in September/October 2025.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed Rule ☐ Final Rule ☐ Emergency Rule ☐ Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Rule ☐ Exempt Rule ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☒ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☐ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	N/A
Expected Date	November 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Local Department of Social Services Administrative/HR Manual	
Brief Overview The Local Departments of Social Services (LDSS) Administrative/HR Manual, authored by the Department of Social Services' Human Resources (HR) division, serves as a personnel guide for local departments lacking HR support or equivalent policies. DSS HR is responsible for updates and consults with the LDSS on its contents. The Manual consists of an introduction and eight chapters, last formally revised around 2013. The agency is finalizing updates to all eight chapters.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed Rule ☐ Final Rule ☐ Emergency Rule ☐ Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Rule ☐ Exempt Rule ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	N/A
Expected Date	December 2025

Secretariat of Labor

Virginia Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI)

Total Guidance Actions for FY26 = 2

Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Guidance Document Forum ID: 2738 – open June 30, 2025 – July 30, 2025		
Guidance Document VOSH Field Operations Manual Penalty Chapter [09-001.2025] Update Guidance Document Public Comment Forum		
Brief Overview NOTICE: Virginia Code § 40.1-49.4.P provides that: “the Commissioner annually shall adjust the maximum civil penalties stated in subsections G through J each year by the percentage increase, if any, in the United States Average Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, from its monthly average for the previous calendar year. The amount of each adjustment to the maximum civil penalties shall be rounded to the nearest whole dollar. The adjustments to the maximum civil penalties shall be effective on each August 1.” (Emphasis added).		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed Rule ☐ Final Rule	☐ Emergency Rule ☐ Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Rule ☐ Exempt Rule	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☐ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component		
Expected Date	August 2025	

Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) LEL-TBD		
Guidance Document Division of Labor and Employment Law Field Operations Manual – Chapter TBD		
Brief Overview This Guidance Document is being developed to provide interpretive guidance for the recently promulgated regulation, 16VAC15-70: Local Government Union Requirements and Employee Protections.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☐ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component		
Expected Date	October 2025	

Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR)

Total Guidance Actions for FY26 = 41

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 2959: Board for Contractors Policies & Interpretations	
Brief Overview The Board for Contractors intends to amend an existing guidance document associated with the Board for Contractors Regulations (18VAC50-22) and Individual License and Certification Regulations (18VAC50-30). The guidance document provides interpretive guidance to agency staff and regulated parties regarding the statutes and regulations pertaining to the licensure of contractors and individuals who are licensed or certified by the Board. The guidance document also provides for general Board policies. The Board plans to revise and update the guidance document to reflect the Board's current regulations, interpretive guidance, and general policies.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	It is anticipated that the length of the guidance document will be reduced by at least one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	July 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 5724: PSI Examination Equivalency	
Brief Overview The Board for Contractors intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Board for Contractors Regulations (18VAC50-22) and Individual License and Certification Regulations (18VAC50-30). The document pertains to licensure or certification examinations in other jurisdictions that the Board has determined are substantially equivalent to examinations required by the Board for licensure or certification. Staff review has determined that this document does not fall within the meaning of “guidance document” as defined in the Administrative Process Act.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency’s guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	July 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 3178: Proof of Financial Responsibility for Board-Approved Education Providers	
Brief Overview The Real Estate Board intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Virginia Real Estate Board Licensing Regulations (18VAC135-20) which establishes requirements for documents to be submitted by education providers to prove financial responsibility when applying for Board approval. The requirements outlined in the guidance document have been incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	July 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 3648: Real Estate Pre-License Instructor Guidance Document	
Brief Overview The Real Estate Board intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Virginia Real Estate Board Licensing Regulations (18VAC135-20) which requires every Board-approved salesperson and broker pre-license course to be taught by a Board-certified pre-license instructor. The requirements outlined in the guidance document have been incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	July 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 3665: Continuing & Post License Education Course Reporting Requirements	
Brief Overview The Real Estate Board intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Virginia Real Estate Board Licensing Regulations (18VAC135-20) which requires that approved education providers electronically transmit course completion data to the Board in an approved format within five (5) business days of completion of the course. The requirements outlined in the guidance document have been incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	July 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 3964: Real Estate Distance Education Notarized Affidavit Requirement	
Brief Overview The Real Estate Board intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Virginia Real Estate Board Licensing Regulations (18VAC135-20) which requires that licensees who complete a Board-approved distance learning course for post-licensure or continuing education to file a notarized affidavit. The requirements outlined in the guidance document have been incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	July 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 4160: On-line Course Time Requirement	
Brief Overview The Real Estate Board intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Virginia Real Estate Board Licensing Regulations (18VAC135-20) which requires that Board-approved education providers to require licensees to be actively engaged online in learning the content of Board-approved online courses for at least 50 clock minutes to receive one hour of education credit. The requirements outlined in the guidance document have been incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	July 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 5529: Real Estate Continuing Education Elective Courses		
Brief Overview The Real Estate Board intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Virginia Real Estate Board Licensing Regulations (18VAC135-20) which provides that the Board may approve general elective continuing education courses for subjects that are not specified in the regulation. The guidance outlined in the guidance document has been incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.	
Expected Date	July 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 5039: Necessity for Brokerage Agreements	
Brief Overview The Real Estate Board intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Virginia Real Estate Board Licensing Regulations (18VAC135-20) which provides guidance for licensees as it relates to understanding the requirements of § 54.1-2137 of the Code of Virginia. The statute outlined in the guidance document was amended as a result of Chapters 479 (HB 1684) and 495 (SB 1309) of the 2025 Acts of Assembly, making the guidance document no longer necessary.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by three (3) pages. This is the equivalent of 750 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	July 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 5584: Review of ALHI Applications with Criminal Convictions		
Brief Overview The Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors intends to significantly amend an existing guidance document associated with the (i) Virginia Asbestos Licensing Regulations (18VAC15-20), (ii) Virginia Lead-Based Paint Activities Regulations (18VAC15-30), and (iii) Home Inspector Licensing Regulations (18VAC15-40). The guidance document establishes criteria for prior criminal convictions disclosed on licensing applications that do not require review by the Board. The amendments would apply to individuals with (i) felony convictions more than three (3) years old with no subsequent reportable convictions, unless the conviction resulted in incarceration where the release date is less than one year from the application date (excluding certain felony offenses); (ii) felony convictions for possession of controlled substances more than two (2) years old with no other convictions; (iii) felony convictions under motor vehicle statutes; and (iv) various misdemeanor convictions.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	The amendments to the guidance document would allow agency staff to approve applications for applicants for licensure who have prior criminal convictions that fall within the criteria established by the Board without requiring such applicants to have their applications considered by the Board, a process that can take several months. Such applicants who otherwise meet the requirements and qualifications for licensure could receive licenses sooner under this revised guidance.	
Expected Date	July 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 7761: Implementation of 1,000-hour Cosmetology Curriculum	
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology intends to amend an existing guidance document associated with the Barbering and Cosmetology Regulations (18VAC41-20) that provides guidance regarding the implementation of the 1,000-hour cosmetology curriculum which became effective on September 1, 2024. The guidance will be revised to reflect changes in the Board's curriculum standards resulting from its action to implement the provisions of Chapter 102 of the 2025 Acts of Assembly (HB 2669).	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	None.
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
Guidance Document 7843: Cosmetology Licensees Completing Training Prior to Straight Razor Requirement	
Brief Overview	
The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Barbering and Cosmetology Regulations (18VAC41-20) that provides guidance regarding the performing of straight razor shaving by licensed cosmetologists prior to September 1, 2024. As a result of the Board's implementation of the provisions of Chapter 102 of the 2025 Acts of Assembly (HB 2669), this guidance will no longer be necessary.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by two (2) pages. This is the equivalent of 500 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 6640: Master Barber Applicants who have Already Completed Training Equivalent to the Master Barber Curriculum		
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Barbering and Cosmetology Regulations (18VAC41-20) related to the implementation of master barber licensure in 2017. This guidance document is no longer necessary.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.	
Expected Date	August 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 7524: Application Review Matrix	
Brief Overview The Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Hearing Aid Specialists Regulations (18VAC-80-20) and the Opticians Regulations (18VAC80-30). The guidance document establishes criteria for prior criminal convictions and prior disciplinary actions disclosed on licensing and certification applications that do not require review by the Board. As a result of amendments to its regulations, this guidance will no longer be necessary.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	September 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 6171: Pumping of Alternative Onsite Sewage Systems	
Brief Overview The Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Onsite Sewage System Professionals Licensing Regulations (18VAC160-40), which provides for the Board's policy pertaining to conventional onsite sewage system operators pumping alternative onsite sewage systems. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by three (3) pages. This is the equivalent of 750 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	September 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
Guidance Document 6204: Effective Date of Utility Management CPE for Class 1 and 2 Waterworks & Wastewater Works Operators	
Brief Overview	
The Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators Licensing Regulations (18VAC160-30). The guidance pertains to a change in the regulation regarding continuing professional education (CPE) that became effective in 2017. This guidance will be repealed because it is no longer applicable.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	September 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 6214: Onsite Sewage System Professionals Master and Journeyman License Requirements	
Brief Overview The Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Onsite Sewage System Professionals Licensing Regulations (18VAC160-40), which provides the Board's policy as it pertains to the licensure of individuals engaged in the provision of regulated activities. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	September 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 7178: License Requirements for Operators of Alternative Systems Exceeding 10,000 Gallons per Day	
Brief Overview The Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Onsite Sewage System Professionals Licensing Regulations (18VAC160-40), which provides for license requirements for those acting as an operator of an alternative sewage system that exceeds 10,000 gallons per day design flow. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by two (2) pages. This is the equivalent of 500 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	September 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 7210: License Requirements for Operators of Small Wastewater Treatment Facilities	
Brief Overview The Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators Licensing Regulations (18VAC160-30). The guidance provides for the acceptance of work experience to qualify for licensure for individuals whose experience was obtained in an unclassified wastewater treatment facility. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by two (2) pages. This is the equivalent of 500 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	September 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 7116: Cemetery Board Criminal History Review Matrix	
Brief Overview The Cemetery Board intends to amend an existing guidance document associated with the Cemetery Board Rules and Regulations (18VAC47-20). The guidance document establishes criteria for prior criminal convictions and prior disciplinary actions disclosed on licensing and registration applications that do not require review by the Board. As a result of amendments to its regulations, the Board anticipates revising provisions of the guidance document to reflect and complement changes made to criminal history disclosure requirements.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	The amendments to the guidance document would allow agency staff to approve applications for applicants for licensure or registration who have prior criminal convictions that fall within the criteria established by the Board without requiring such applicants to have their applications considered by the Board, a process that can take several months. Such applicants who otherwise meet the requirements and qualifications for licensure could receive licenses sooner under this revised guidance.
Expected Date	October 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 4190: Evidence of Proper Fidelity Bond or Dishonesty Insurance and Sufficient Coverage Obtained by CIC Manager Applicant.	
Brief Overview The Common Interest Community Board intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Common Interest Community Manager Regulations (18VAC48-50) that provides the amount and informational requirements on bond insurance coverage obtained by common interest community manager applicants as a condition of licensure. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by two (2) pages. This is the equivalent of 500 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	October 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 5049: CIC Manager Requirement to Obtain and Maintain a Separate Fidelity Bond or Insurance Policy to Comply with Section 54.1-2346.D of the Code of Virginia and 18 VAC 48-50-30.E of the Board's Regulations.	
Brief Overview The Common Interest Community Board intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Common Interest Community Manager Regulations (18VAC48-50) which provides that a fidelity bond or insurance policy that a common interest community manager must obtain in accordance with § 54.1-2346(D) of the Code of Virginia is separate from the insurance that an association must obtain to comply with applicable provisions of common interest community law. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by three (3) pages. This is the equivalent of 750 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	October 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 4498: Asbestos Regulation Interpretation - Aug 23, 2011	
Brief Overview The Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors intends to amend an existing guidance document associated with the Virginia Asbestos Licensing Regulations (18VAC15-20) which provides interpretive guidance regarding several provisions of the regulation. As a result of amendments to its regulation, the Board anticipates removing provisions of the guidance document that (i) will no longer be applicable; or (ii) will be incorporated into regulation.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	It is anticipated that the length of the guidance document will be reduced to less than one (1) page (the equivalent to fewer than 250 words).
Expected Date	November 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 4499: Lead Regulation Interpretation - Aug 23, 2011		
Brief Overview The Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Virginia Lead-Based Paint Activities Regulations (18VAC15-30) which provides interpretive guidance regarding refresher training courses that are required for renewal of lead abatement professional licenses. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.	
Expected Date	November 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 7122: Real Estate Appraiser Board Application Review Matrix		
Brief Overview The Real Estate Appraiser Board intends to amend an existing guidance document associated with the Real Estate Appraiser Board Rules and Regulations (18VAC130-20) and the Appraisal Management Company Regulations (18VAC130-30). The guidance document establishes criteria for prior criminal convictions and prior disciplinary actions disclosed on licensing applications that do not require review by the Board. As a result of amendments to its regulations, the Board anticipates revising provisions of the guidance document to reflect and complement changes made to criminal history disclosure requirements.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	The amendments to the guidance document would allow agency staff to approve applications for applicants for licensure who have prior criminal convictions that fall within the criteria established by the Board without requiring such applicants to have their applications considered by the Board, a process that can take several months. Such applicants who otherwise meet the requirements and qualifications for licensure could receive licenses sooner under this revised guidance.	
Expected Date	November 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 6256: Summary of Board Interpretations, Policies and Guidance Documents.	
Brief Overview The Common Interest Community Board intends to amend an existing guidance document associated with the Common Interest Community Manager Regulations (18VAC48-50), Common Interest Community Association Registration Regulations (18VAC48-60), and Common Interest Community Ombudsman Regulations (18VAC48-70), which provides a summary of the Board's statutory interpretations, policies, and guidance documents. As a result of amendments to its regulations, the Board anticipates removing provisions of the guidance document that (i) will no longer be applicable; or (ii) will be incorporated into regulation.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	The length of the guidance document is anticipated to be reduced by at least one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	November 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 7092: Common Interest Community Association Registration – Interpretive Guidance for 18VAC48-60-60	
Brief Overview The Common Interest Community Board intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Common Interest Community Association Registration Regulations (18VAC48-60) which provides interpretive guidance regarding the meaning of the phrase "lots or units subject to the declaration" as used in 18VAC48-60-60 of the regulation. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by four (4) pages. This is the equivalent of 1,000 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	November 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 5747: Requirements for Individuals who Analyze PCM Air Samples Onsite		
Brief Overview The Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Virginia Asbestos Licensing Regulations (18VAC15-20). The guidance provides clarification of requirements for individuals who analyze PCM air samples onsite. This guidance will be incorporated into the new Asbestos Licensing Regulation (18VAC15-21), making the guidance document no longer necessary.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by two (2) pages. This is the equivalent of 500 words being eliminated.	
Expected Date	November 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 6018: Clarification of Acceptable Degree Programs for Asbestos & Lead Licensing		
Brief Overview The Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the (i) Virginia Asbestos Licensing Regulations (18VAC15-20); and (ii) Virginia Lead-Based Paint Activities Regulations (18VAC15-30). The guidance provides guidance regarding acceptable degree programs that may be used to qualify individuals for certain asbestos and lead licenses. This guidance will be incorporated into the Board's regulations, making the guidance document no longer necessary.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by two (2) pages. This is the equivalent of 500 words being eliminated.	
Expected Date	November 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 6374: Renewing Asbestos Workers License with Asbestos Supervisor Refresher Training		
Brief Overview The Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Virginia Asbestos Licensing Regulations (18VAC15-20) which provides that the Board will accept EPA/AHERA or Board-approved asbestos supervisor training programs for renewal of an asbestos worker license provided all other requirements of the Board are met. This guidance will be incorporated into the new Asbestos Licensing Regulation (18VAC15-21), making the guidance document no longer necessary.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by two (2) pages. This is the equivalent of 500 words being eliminated.	
Expected Date	November 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 6834: Clarification Regarding Asbestos Abatement Projects that Require a Project Monitor	
Brief Overview The Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Virginia Asbestos Licensing Regulations (18VAC15-20) which provides clarification regarding asbestos abatement projects that require a project monitor. This guidance will be incorporated into the new Asbestos Licensing Regulation (18VAC15-21), making the guidance document no longer necessary.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by two (2) pages. This is the equivalent of 500 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	November 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 5238: Assessment of a Student's Competence in Esthetics		
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Esthetics Regulations (18VAC41-70) that provides guidance to licensed esthetics schools conducting an assessment of a transfer student's competence in esthetics to receive credit toward completion of required training. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.	
Expected Date	November 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 5503: Guidance Document - Substantial Equivalence	
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Tattooing Regulations (18VAC41-50) and the Esthetics Regulations (18VAC41-70) that provides guidance regarding the meaning of the term “substantially equivalent” as used in the regulation related to qualifications for licensure by endorsement and examination eligibility. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency’s guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	November 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 5593: Endorsement Candidate from State Offering Only One Licensing Exam	
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Barbering and Cosmetology Regulations (18VAC41-20) that provides interpretative guidance regarding applicants for licensure by endorsement from states where the applicant is only required to take one type of examination (written or practical). The guidance provides that the applicant will only be required to take the other type of examination (written or practical) that the originally issuing state did not require in order to qualify for licensure by endorsement. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	November 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 5594: Cosmetology Examiners	
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Barbering and Cosmetology Regulations (18VAC41-20) that provides interpretative guidance regarding examiners for license examinations in the cosmetology professions. The guidance provides that a cosmetologist examiner may serve as an examiner for a license examination in the cosmetology profession, including nail technician examinations. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	November 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 6057: School Locations		
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Barbering and Cosmetology Regulations (18VAC41-20) and the Esthetics Regulations (18VAC41-70) that provides an interpretation of the regulatory requirement that a school hold a license for each and every location. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.	
Expected Date	November 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 6215: Esthetics - Cleaning Multi-use Items that Cannot Be Immersed		
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Esthetics Regulations (18VAC41-70) that provides guidance on the cleaning of multi-use instruments that cannot be immersed in liquid. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.	
Expected Date	November 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 6373: Barber/Cosmetology Application Review Matrix	
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology intends to amend an existing guidance document associated with the Barbering and Cosmetology Regulations (18VAC41-20); the Tattooing Regulations (18VAC41-50); the Body-Piercing Regulations (18VAC41-60); and the Esthetics Regulations (18VAC41-70). The guidance document establishes criteria for prior criminal convictions and prior disciplinary actions disclosed on licensing and certification applications that do not require review by the Board. As a result of amendments to its regulations, the Board anticipates revising provisions of the guidance document to reflect and complement changes made to criminal history disclosure requirements.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	The amendments to the guidance document would allow agency staff to approve applications for applicants for licensure or certification who have prior criminal convictions that fall within the criteria established by the Board without out requiring such applicants to have their applications considered by the Board, a process that can take several months. Such applicants who otherwise meet the requirements and qualifications for licensure could receive licenses or certifications sooner under this revised guidance.
Expected Date	November 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 6639: Cosmetology Instructors May Teach Nail or Wax Instructor Programs		
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Barbering and Cosmetology Regulations (18VAC41-20) which provides that certified cosmetology instructors may teach nail and wax programs. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.	
Expected Date	November 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 6880: Definition of Clock Hours		
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Barbering and Cosmetology Regulations (18VAC41-20); the Tattooing Regulations (18VAC41-50); and the Esthetics Regulations (18VAC41-70) which provides what constitutes an hour of school instruction under the regulations. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.	
Expected Date	November 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 2021: Real Estate Advisory Council's Report Regarding Post-Licensure Education		
Brief Overview The Real Estate Board intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Virginia Real Estate Board Licensing Regulations (18VAC135-20) which establishes the guidelines for the 30-hour education curriculum for newly licensed real estate salespersons. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☒ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by 17 pages. This is the equivalent of 4,250 words being eliminated.	
Expected Date	December 2025	

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Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) N/A		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Develop Virginia Petroleum Storage Tank Fund Reimbursement Manual – Volume VII, 3 rd Edition		
Brief Overview The Virginia Petroleum Storage Tank Fund (VPSTF) Reimbursement Guidance Manual – Volume VII, 3 rd Edition, updates the Usual and Customary Rate Schedule used to claim reimbursement from the VPSTF for reasonable and necessary cleanup work performed on or after October 1, 2025. The UCR Schedule provides maximum reasonable reimbursement rates for tasks or items associated with the cleanup of a petroleum storage tank release.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component		
Expected Date	July 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) N/A		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Develop Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act Resiliency Guidance		
Brief Overview This guidance document will assist local governments subject to the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act with administering the requirements in the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Designation and Management Regulations (9VAC25-830) with implementing the requirements in 9VAC25-830-155 for addressing resilience and adaptation when considering proposed development in Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component		
Expected Date	July 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) N/A		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Develop Guidance Document for Nutrient Reduction Crediting Protocol for Shoreline Management Projects		
Brief Overview This new guidance document will provide clarity and consistency to DEQ's activities to determine the appropriate credits to attribute to shoreline management projects.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component		
Expected Date	July 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) LPR-HW-18-2002		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind LPR-HW-18-2002 - Financial Assurance Procedures in Support of the Hazardous Waste Permitting Program		
Brief Overview This action will rescind LPR-HW-18-2002. Published on August 22, 2002, the purpose of these procedures is to guide DEQ staff on reviewing financial assurance documentation required as part of a hazardous waste permit. These procedures were designed to document the process to ensure consistency and outline staff roles. This document was designed as a document for internal use only and assists DEQ staff within the Office of Financial Responsibility and Waste Programs keep abreast of the most recent regulations and procedures by removing or adding pages to the manual. This document does not constitute guidance and should be removed from Town Hall.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This document was developed entirely for internal DEQ staff use and is not "guidance." It should be removed from Town Hall. Doing so will rescind 23 pages of unnecessary guidance.	
Expected Date	August 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) LPR-SW-17-2002		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind LPR-SW-17-2002 - Solid Waste Financial Assurance Procedures		
Brief Overview This action will rescind LPR-SW-17-2002. Published on August 22, 2002, the purpose of these procedures is to guide DEQ staff on reviewing financial assurance documentation required as part of a solid waste permit, permit-by-rule or for an unpermitted solid waste facility with financial assurance requirements. These procedures were designed to document the process to ensure consistency and outline staff roles. This document was designed as a document for internal use only and assists DEQ staff within the Office of Financial Responsibility and Waste Programs keep abreast of the most recent regulations and procedures by removing or adding pages to the manual. Consequently, it should not be considered guidance and should be removed from Town Hall.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This document should not be considered guidance and should be removed from Town Hall. Doing so will rescind 28 pages of unnecessary guidance.	
Expected Date	August 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) LPR-SRR-03-2012	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind LPR-SRR-03-2012 - Case Closure Evaluation of Sites with Free Product Guidance	
Brief Overview This action will rescind LPR-SRR-03-2012. Published on December 28, 2012, this document is an expansion of Section 5.5 of the Storage Tank Program Technical Manual and was developed to assist Storage Tank Program Case Managers in evaluating the feasibility and practicality of free product removal and to recognize when a case can be closed with no increased risk to human health and the environment. It is an internal procedure and should not be considered guidance. Consequently, LPP-SRR-03-2012 should be removed from Town Hall.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This document was developed for internal use by Department of Environmental Quality staff and should be removed as a guidance document. Doing so will rescind 11 pages of unnecessary guidance.
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) LPR-SRR-01-2013	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind LPR-SRR-01-2013 - Provision of Alternate Water Supplies to Operators of Petroleum-Impacted Water Supplies Guidance	
Brief Overview This action will rescind LPR-SRR-01-2013. Published on June 13, 2013, the purpose of this document is to provide information for Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) staff regarding the provision and termination of CFU coverage at a site. It is an internal procedure and should not have been classified as a guidance document.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☐ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This document was developed for internal use by DEQ staff and should be removed as a guidance document. Doing so will rescind 29 pages of unnecessary guidance.
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) LPR-SRR-2014-01	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind LPR-SRR-2014-01 - State Lead Procedures Manual, First Edition	
Brief Overview This action will rescind LPR-SRR-2014-01. The purpose of the State Lead Procedures Manual is to provide DEQ staff with standard operating procedures for managing sites within the State Lead Program. This document will be redone and will be an internal procedure instead of a guidance document.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This document will be rewritten and will be an internal manual for DEQ staff. It should be removed as a guidance document. Doing so will rescind 80 pages of unnecessary guidance.
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) LPR-SRR-2015-02	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind LPR-SRR-2015-02 - Instructions for Completing the State Lead Acceptance Form and Contractor Evaluation Tab	
Brief Overview This action will rescind LPR-SRR-2015-02. This document provides instructions for DEQ staff when completing the State Lead Acceptance Form (AAF). It superseded the guidance found in LPR-SRR-2014-01 and was meant to be incorporated into the next revision of that manual. It is an internal procedure.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This document will be included in the State Lead Manual which will be an internal procedure. It should be removed as a guidance document. Doing so will rescind nine (9) pages of unnecessary guidance.
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) LPR-SRR-2018-2A	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind the Risk Based Inspection Strategy (RBIS) For Underground Storage Tanks	
Brief Overview This action will rescind LPR-SRR-2018-2A. Originally published on June 13, 2019, this document is an internal business procedure explaining how to evaluate alternative methods for establishing annual inspection schedules. Consequently, it should be removed as guidance.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This document should be removed from Town Hall as it is internal procedures. Doing so will rescind five (5) pages of unnecessary guidance.
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) LPR-SRR-2014-03	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind Quality Assurance Plan for the Alternate Water Supply Program – Revision 3	
Brief Overview This action will rescind LPR-SRR-2014-03. Published on March 27, 2017, the purpose of the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for the Alternate Water Supply Program is to ensure that procedures used and data collected by Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) staff and DEQ-hired contractors are of sufficient quality to support the decisions about the need to provide alternate water supplies to persons having wells that are impacted by petroleum. It is an internal procedure, and it is obsolete. Consequently, it should be removed as guidance.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This is an outdated quality assurance plan for internal use. It should be removed as a guidance document. Doing so will rescind 77 pages of guidance.
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 01-2024D		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Revise the Storage Tank Technical Manual – Volume 4: Site Work and Pre-Approval and Verification Process (01-2024D)		
Brief Overview This guidance manual is currently being updated from the 2011 version. The updated version will eliminate obsolete links and processes as well as provide better procedural clarification for staff and stakeholders. This includes how to manage scope of work and facilitate the reimbursement of site costs through pre-approval and verification of site work where applicable. This document is an internal job aid for tank remediation staff that introduces electronic documentation as well as administrative troubleshooting. The guidance will be streamlined from the current version for procedural clarity.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component		
Expected Date	August 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) GM06-2005	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind GM06-2005, Biosecurity Procedures for Poultry Farm Visits	
Brief Overview This action will rescind GM06-2005, a four-page document issued on May 24, 2006. DEQ staff used this document for internal instruction on the necessary biosecurity procedures to be used when inspecting facilities subject to regulation under the Virginia Pollution Abatement permit program. This document does not interpret any laws or regulations for the public. Therefore, this document should be rescinded as a guidance document.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This document will be rescinded because DEQ has determined that it is strictly procedural and should not be classified as a guidance document. This action will remove four (4) pages of unnecessary guidance.
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 02-2001	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind Guidance Memo No. 02-2001 - Confined Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) Inspection Checklist	
Brief Overview This action will rescind Guidance Memo No. 02-2001. Published on January 23, 2002, DEQ staff use this form when conducting CAFO inspections. It does not provide information or guidance of general applicability to the staff or public to interpret or implement any laws or regulations; therefore, it should be rescinded as a guidance document.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This document will be rescinded because DEQ has determined that it is for Agency internal use and should not be classified as a guidance document. This action will remove 15 pages of unnecessary guidance.
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) GM05-2001		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind Guidance GM05-2001 – Final 316(b) Phase II Rule Implementation		
Brief Overview This action will rescind GM05-2001. Published on January 25, 2005, this document describes DEQ's role in implementing the Phase II Rule. The Phase II rule was remanded and subsequently withdrawn by EPA (2007). This rule is no longer in effect, thus there is no need for the Phase II 316(b) guidance, and it can be rescinded immediately.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component		
Expected Date	August 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) GM07-2013	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind GM07-2013, CEDS DMR Data Entry Rules	
Brief Overview This action will rescind GM07-2013. Published on October 23, 2007, this document provided DEQ staff with data entry rules to ensure consistency across Agency offices. As it is outdated and details only internal DEQ procedures and does not interpret any laws or regulations, this document should be removed as a guidance document.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	As it is outdated and details only internal DEQ procedures and does not interpret any laws or regulations, this document should be removed as a guidance document. Rescinding GM07-2013 will remove four (4) pages of unnecessary guidance.
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 90-011	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind 90-011, Interpretation of Nutrient Policy	
Brief Overview This action will rescind guidance document 90-011. Published on April 20, 1990, this document provided agency staff and the regulated community guidance on the implementation of the State Water Control Board's "Nutrient Policy." This guidance is outdated and no longer accurate. Consequently, it should be removed as guidance.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This action will rescind four (4) pages of outdated guidance.
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) WQS-3	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind WQS-3, Water Quality Standards Interpretation of Fecal Coliform Bacteria and Mixing Zones	
Brief Overview This action will rescind the outdated guidance WQS-3 Water Quality Standards Interpretation of Fecal Coliform Bacteria and Mixing Zones. Published on April 20, 1993, this document provides an outdated interpretation of the applicability of mixing zones to fecal coliform bacteria standards. As this guidance is outdated and no longer applicable, it should be removed as guidance.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This action will rescind two (2) pages of outdated guidance.
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) GM11-2004	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind Amendments to the Virginia Water Protection Permit Program Regulation 9 VAC 25-210 (Effective July 25, 2007) Regarding Surface Water Withdrawal Permitting	
Brief Overview This action will rescind the outdated guidance GM11-2004. Published on March 17, 2011, this guidance was originally meant to summarize the effects of amendments made to the Virginia Water Protection Permit (VWP) Program Regulation 9VAC25-210 et seq.) related to application review and the issuance, reissuance, or modification of a permit for surface water withdrawal projects. The information contained in this document is now outdated, and it should be removed from Town Hall.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	As this document is outdated, it should be removed from Town Hall. Doing so will rescind 18 pages of unnecessary guidance.
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 98-2011	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind 98-2011, Inspection Checklists for Analyses of Mercury by Cold Vapor and Metals	
Brief Overview This action will rescind the outdated guidance 98-2011. Originally published on November 4, 1998, this form only outlined internal data collection and sampling procedures. It does not interpret existing laws or regulations for the public and therefore should be rescinded as a guidance document.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	As this form should not be classified as “guidance,” it should be removed from Town Hall. Doing so will rescind 10 pages of unnecessary guidance.
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 03-2007		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind 03-2007, Implementation of bacteria standards in VPDES Permits		
Brief Overview This action will rescind the outdated guidance 03-2007. Originally published on March 27, 2003, this guidance was meant to describe the application of E. coli and enterococci bacteria water quality standards.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	As this guidance is outdated, it should be removed from Town Hall. Doing so will rescind 12 pages of unnecessary guidance.	
Expected Date	August 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 00-2008	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind 00-2008, Notification of Acceptance for Coverage by a General Permit	
Brief Overview This action will rescind the outdated guidance 00-2008. This document, published on May 12, 2000, informs the regulated community that filing a registration statement to a general permit with the State Water Control Board requires a response from the Board or the Director but that those responses are not rulings by either the Board or the Agency. The information in this document is outdated and it should be removed from Town Hall.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	As this document is outdated, it should be removed from Town Hall. Doing so would rescind three (3) pages of unnecessary guidance.
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 01-2020		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind 01-2020, Implementation of Amendments to the VPDES Permit Regulation and General VPDES Permit for Domestic Sewage Discharges of Less Than or Equal to 1,000 GPD - Local Government Ordinance Form		
Brief Overview This action will rescind the outdated guidance 01-2020. Published on July 17, 2001, this document describes the implementation of amendments to State Water Control Law requiring local government review of all new individual VPDES permit applications for discharge of sewage, industrial waste, or other waste. The information in this document is outdated and it should be removed from Town Hall.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	As this document is outdated, it should be removed from Town Hall. Doing so would rescind eight (8) pages of unnecessary guidance.	
Expected Date	August 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) GM07-2011		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind GM07-2011, Issuing a Certificate to Construct from a Final Engineering Report		
Brief Overview This action will rescind the outdated guidance GM07-2011. Published on July 30, 2007, this document was meant to provide a method that may facilitate nutrient projects in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The procedure allows for issuance of a Certificate to Construct (CTC) from a Final Engineering Report as opposed to waiting until the engineering plans and specifications are complete. This procedure does not relieve the owner from producing the plans and specifications but does allow the owner to begin purchasing long-lead equipment items and initiate construction before the final documents are completed and approved. Pursuant to the guidance, use of the process ended on January 1, 2011. The information in this document is outdated and should be removed from Town Hall.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	As this document is outdated, it should be removed from Town Hall. Doing so will remove three (3) pages of unnecessary guidance.	
Expected Date	August 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 95-008	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind 95-008, General Permits	
Brief Overview This action will rescind the outdated guidance 95-008. Published on June 4, 2003, this document instructed DEQ staff to send a copy of the Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) General Permit for domestic sewage dischargers of $\leq 1,000$ gallons per day to facility owners after receiving a registration statement indicating the facility in question will be able to meet certain requirements un the general permit regulation.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	As this document is outdated, it should be removed from Town Hall. Doing so will rescind five (5) pages of unnecessary guidance.
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) GM06-2008	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind GM06-2008, Local Government Certification for New VPDES Permitted Landfills	
Brief Overview This action will rescind the outdated guidance GM06-2008. Published on June 29, 2006, this document provided guidance on DEQ's implementation of the requirement for new or modified VPDES permits for municipal solid waste landfills to contain a certification from the local governing body that the discharge is consistent with the city's ordinance that established and designated the local watershed protection district in order to be considered complete. The information in this document is outdated, and it should be removed from Town Hall.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	As this document is outdated, it should be removed from Town Hall. Doing so will rescind seven (7) pages of unnecessary guidance.
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) GM06-2009	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind GM06-2009, Review and Approval of Operation and Maintenance Manuals for Municipal Sewage Treatment Works	
Brief Overview This action will rescind the outdated guidance GM06-2009. Published on July 5, 2006, this document Provides guidance on the procedure for review and approval of Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Manuals for municipal sewage treatment works. The information in this document is outdated, and it should be removed from Town Hall.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	As this document is outdated, it should be removed from Town Hall. Doing so will rescind three (3) pages of unnecessary guidance.
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 01-2008	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind 01-2008, Numbering of Outfalls for VPDES Permits	
Brief Overview This action will rescind the outdated guidance 01-2008. Published on March 21, 2001, this document details the requirements for numbering and recording outfalls within VPDES areas. As the information in this document is outdated, it should be removed from Town Hall.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This document is outdated, and it should be removed from Town Hall. Doing so will rescind one (1) page of unnecessary guidance.
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 91-028	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind 91-028, Procedure for Assigning Numbers to Permits	
Brief Overview This action will rescind the outdated guidance 91-028. Published on December 10, 1991, this document describes the procedures for assigning numbers to corrective action permits. As the information in this document is outdated, it should be removed from Town Hall.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This document is outdated, and it should be removed from Town Hall. Doing so will rescind one (1) page of unnecessary guidance.
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) GM08-2001	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind GM08-2001, Processing of Priority Permits, Administrative Continuance of Expired Permits and Permitting	
Brief Overview This action will rescind the outdated guidance GM08-2001. Published on January 24, 2008, this document was meant to provide instructions for minimizing the expiration of VPDES permits while accounting for personnel reductions, new EPA criteria defining “priority permits,” and accommodating facilities that have been recognized under the Virginia Environmental Excellence Program. The information in this document is outdated, and it should be removed from Town Hall.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This document is outdated and should be removed from Town Hall. Doing so will rescind 12 pages of unnecessary guidance.
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 96-001	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind 96-001, Storm Water Permitting	
Brief Overview This action will rescind the outdated guidance 96-001. Published on March 15, 1996, this document is meant to provide an overview of DEQ's stormwater permitting procedures. The information in this document is outdated, and it should be removed from Town Hall.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This document is outdated, and it should be removed from Town Hall. Doing so will rescind three (3) pages of unnecessary guidance.
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) GM07-2007	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind GM07-2007, Threatened and Endangered Species Screening for VPDES Permits	
Brief Overview This action will rescind the outdated guidance GM07-2007. Published on May 2, 2007, this document was meant to describe new procedures for screening VPDES applications for impacts to threatened and endangered species during the permit drafting procedure. The information in this document is outdated, and it should be removed from Town Hall.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This document is outdated and should be removed from Town Hall. Doing so will rescind eight (8) pages of unnecessary guidance.
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 90-016	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind 90-016, Use of State Model by Consultants	
Brief Overview This action will rescind the outdated guidance 90-016. Published on July 2, 1990, this document detailed the procedures for reviewing submissions to the department that utilize state models. The information in this document is outdated, and it should be removed from Town Hall.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This document is outdated and should be removed from Town Hall. Doing so will rescind one (1) page of unnecessary guidance.
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 91-020	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind 91-020, Modifications to September 8, 1989 Guidance Memo VPDES Permitting Strategy for Discharges Resulting from UST Remediation Projects and Similar Projects	
Brief Overview This action will rescind the outdated guidance 91-020. Published on October 1, 1991, this document provided guidance on VPDES permitting for underground storage tank discharge remediation projects. The information contained in this document is outdated and should be removed from Town Hall.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This document is outdated and should be removed from Town Hall. Doing so will rescind one (1) page of unnecessary guidance.
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 98-2010	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind 98-2010, Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) Permit and Virginia Pollution Abatement (VPA) Permit Ground Water Monitoring Plans	
Brief Overview This action will rescind the outdated guidance 98-2010. Published on September 30, 1998, this document provides guidance for review of groundwater monitoring plans under the VPDES and VPA permitting programs. The information in this document is outdated, and it should be removed from Town Hall.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This document is outdated and should be removed from Town Hall. Doing so will rescind 106 pages of unnecessary guidance.
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 93-008	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind 93-008, DEQ Water Division Water Purification Systems Contaminants	
Brief Overview This action will rescind the outdated guidance 93-008. Published on April 20, 1993, this document provided DEQ staff with procedures for handling samples to ensure they were not contaminated. Additionally, the document only outlined internal procedures and did not interpret existing laws or regulations for the public and therefore should be rescinded as a guidance document.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This document is both outdated and improperly classified as guidance. Consequently, it should be removed from Town Hall. Doing so will rescind four (4) pages of unnecessary guidance.
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) WQS-1	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind WQS-1, Water Quality Standards Interpretation - New Standards (1992)	
Brief Overview This action will rescind the outdated guidance WQS-1. Published on February 24, 1992, the document provided clarity of various questions regarding the water quality standards. The information in this document is outdated and it should be removed from Town Hall.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This document is outdated, and it should be removed from Town Hall. Doing so will rescind three (3) pages of unnecessary guidance.
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) GM24-2001 V 1.1		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amend the Virginia Stormwater Management Handbook, and Issue Version 1.2		
Brief Overview This action will amend and update the Virginia Stormwater Management Handbook, Version 1.1 (Handbook). Last updated on August 15, 2024, the Handbook provides guidance to implement water quantity and water quality criteria in the Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Regulation, 9VAC25-875, effective July 1, 2024. As detailed in Section 1.4.2 of the currently approved Handbook, Virginia had an array of outdated handbooks and reference materials that have been a source of confusion for the regulated community and inefficiency in DEQ's permitting process. The Handbook replaced the outdated materials, but DEQ must periodically update it to provide ongoing and current information to stormwater designers, permit applicants, and their consultants. Building on the process used to develop the Handbook, DEQ plans to use a similar process to update the Handbook yearly. The Handbook, as a guidance document, can be revised to remain consistent with statutory and regulatory changes.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This guidance provides clarity, consistency, and time savings for design professionals preparing erosion and sediment control plans and post-construction stormwater management plans by ensuring all programmatic requirements are in a single, up-to-date document. This guidance streamlines the process DEQ, and local authorities follow for reviewing erosion & sediment control and stormwater management plans.	
Expected Date	August 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) N/A		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Develop 2026 Water Quality Assessment Guidance (Replaces GM 23-2002)		
Brief Overview This guidance document will replace and update existing guidance (GM23-2002) that establishes the procedures that DEQ staff follow for conducting water quality assessments to generate the Virginia's 2026 305(b)/303(d) Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report. Section 62.1-44.19:5 C of the Code of Virginia requires DEQ to develop and publish the procedures used for defining and determining impaired waters and provide for public comment on the procedures. The replacement guidance will contain updates to water quality assessment procedures to account for revisions to water quality standards or to incorporate assessment process improvements.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute	☐ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component		
Expected Date	August 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) N/A		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Managing Flagged or Qualified Data in VPDES Permit Discharge Monitoring Reports		
Brief Overview DEQ implements Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) permits issued to industrial and municipal permittees. Generally, monitoring must be conducted according to test procedures approved under 40 CFR Part 136 or alternative U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approved methods. Part III of the VPDES Permit Regulation, 9VAC25-31-190 L, requires that all monitoring results be reported on a Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR). Additionally, subsection L states that if the permittee monitors any pollutant specifically addressed by the permit more frequently than required by the permit using test procedures approved under 40 CFR Part 136, the results of the monitoring shall be included in the calculation and reporting of the data submitted in the DMR. Thus, individual VPDES permittees are required to report all data collected and analyzed. There are situations where data or one datum may be considered qualified or flagged due to any reason such as, but not limited to, failing any aspect of QA/QC criteria; improper preservation or holding times; or presentation of “>” or “<” numerical results. When DEQ reviews a DMR, staff evaluate qualified (or flagged) data to assess its quality and determine whether it should be included or excluded from the specified calculation(s) on the DMR. The existing VPDES Permit Regulation does not include guidelines for managing “qualified” or “flagged data” and thus creates uncertainty for both permittees and DEQ. The purpose of this Guidance Memo is to provide clarity to stakeholders on how to manage and submit “flagged” or “qualified” data through DMRs required by their VPDES permits and to establish procedures for DEQ to evaluate that data to determine its inclusion or exclusion in the calculations on the DMR.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component		
Expected Date	August 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) GM18-2012, Amd 1		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amend Guidance Memo 18-2012, Amendment No. 1 - Points Assessment for Alleged Violations of the Construction General Permit Criteria and Enforcement Referral Guidance		
Brief Overview This action will amend Guidance Memo 18-2012 (GM18-2012), and the applicable attachment. GM18-2012 was last amended on November 1, 2024, and became effective on January 30, 2025. Since becoming effective, DEQ staff have discovered some inconsistencies and language which is vague in nature; thus, revisions are needed to provide clarity and consistency for both DEQ staff and permit holders. This document provides directions for evaluating noncompliance with the General VPDES Permit for Discharges of Stormwater from Construction Activities Regulations (9VAC25-880), the Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Program Regulation (9VAC25-875), and the State Water Control Law (§§ 62.1-44.2 through 62.1-44.34:33 of the Code of Virginia) and provides a point system for determining the appropriate compliance response, including when to refer cases to the Division of Enforcement. The point system allows DEQ Stormwater Compliance staff to consistently assess and respond to alleged noncompliance.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component		
Expected Date	August 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) GM14-2003	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind GM14-2003 March 2014 Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) Permit Manual Revisions	
Brief Overview This action will rescind GM14-2003. Published on March 27, 2014, this document notified water permitting staff of a VPDES Permit Manual revision and replaced GM10-2003. GM14-2003 is outdated and many aspects have been replaced by internal procedural documents. The parts of the document that are actually guidance will be retained in a separate guidance action.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	Removing the aspects of this 524-page document that do not meet the definition of guidance will result in an easier to navigate document for the regulated community.
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) N/A		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Develop Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) Permit Writers' Manual		
Brief Overview This action will replace GM14-2003, the VPDES Permit Manual, with updated guidance that provides information to DEQ staff about the implementation of the VPDES permit program and permit issuance.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	Purely procedural information for staff has been removed from the VPDES Permit Writers' Manual, leaving only parts that interpret or help implement the VPDES Permit Regulation, 9VAC25-31. The VPDES Permit Writers Manual will be several hundred pages shorter than the VPDES Permit Manual, making it more streamlined and easier for the regulated community to use.	
Expected Date	August 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) N/A		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Revise the Groundwater Withdrawal Permit Manual		
Brief Overview The purpose of this guidance document is to provide DEQ water withdrawal permitting staff a framework for processing requests for new, expanded, or modified groundwater withdrawals and is intended to provide the overall process for reviewing and issuing individual groundwater withdrawal permits. This revised manual will contain updates and clarifications to the permit processing framework and supersedes previous manuals for drafting groundwater withdrawal permits.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component		
Expected Date	August 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) GM21-2003		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind GM21-2003 and Reissue “Implementation Guidance for the VPDES General Permit Regulation for Discharges Resulting From the Application of Pesticides to Surface Water, VAG87”		
Brief Overview This action will rescind GM21-2003 and reissue guidance for the Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) General Permit Regulation for Discharges Resulting from the Application of Pesticides to Surface Water, 9VAC25-800 (effective March 1, 2024). The reissued guidance will identify changes that have been made to General Permit VAG87, provide Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) staff with instructions on implementation of these changes, provide information on aspects of the permit that have raised questions, and provide example letters that staff may use for the administration of the regulation.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This document provides information to DEQ staff and the regulated community on the interpretation and implementation of the General Permit. General permits are less burdensome than having to apply for and issue an individual permit for each facility that is subject to regulation. The guidance ensures the permitting process is timely, efficient, and transparent. Rescinding GM14-2017 and reissuing guidance that is specific to the permit regulation that is currently effective reduces confusion and provides more certainty to DEQ staff and the regulated community.	
Expected Date	August 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) GM21-2004		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind GM21-2004 and Reissue “Implementation Guidance for the General VPDES Permit for Nonmetallic Mineral Mining Facilities VAG84”		
Brief Overview This action will rescind GM21-2004 and reissue guidance for the Implementation of the Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) General Permit for Nonmetallic Mineral Mining Facilities, VAG84, to reflect the permit that became effective on July 1, 2024. Published on June 30, 2021, GM21-2004 provided staff information to interpret and implement the VPDES General Permit Regulation for Nonmetallic Mineral Mining Facilities, 9VAC25-190, which was effective for a 5-year term beginning July 1, 2019. The reissued guidance document will identify changes that have been made to General Permit VAG84, which was effective July 1, 2024, and provide Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) staff with instructions on implementation of these changes, provide information on aspects of the permit that have raised questions, and provide example letters that staff may use for the administration of the regulation.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This document provides information to DEQ staff and the regulated community on the interpretation and implementation of the General Permit. General permits are less burdensome than having to apply for and issue an individual permit for each facility that is subject to regulation. The guidance ensures the permitting process is timely, efficient, and transparent. Rescinding GM21-2004 and reissuing guidance that is specific to the permit regulation that is currently effective reduces confusion and provides more certainty to DEQ staff and the regulated community.	
Expected Date	August 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) GM14-2017		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind GM14-2017 and Reissue guidance for the Implementation of the Virginia Pollution Abatement (VPA) Regulation and General Permit for Animal Feeding Operations and Animal Waste Management Amendments, VPG1		
Brief Overview This action will rescind GM14-2017 and reissue guidance for the VPA Regulation and General Permit for Animal Feeding Operations, 9VAC25-192. Published on November 12, 2014, GM14-2017 contained Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) interpretation of the VPA Regulation and General Permit for Animal Feeding Operations and procedures for processing VPA general permits for animal feeding operations using a liquid manure management system. It also included procedures for obtaining a complete registration statement, determining eligibility for coverage under the general permit, transmittal of the general permit to registrants, and inspection procedures. The General Permit regulation was amended and reissued, effective November 16, 2024. DEQ will replace GM14-2017 with updated guidance.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This document provides information to DEQ staff and the regulated community on the interpretation and implementation of the General Permit. General permits are less burdensome than having to apply for and issue an individual permit for each facility that is subject to regulation. The guidance ensures the permitting process is timely, efficient, and transparent. Rescinding GM14-2017 and reissuing guidance that is specific to the permit regulation that is currently effective reduces confusion and provides more certainty to DEQ staff and the regulated community.	
Expected Date	August 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) N/A		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Develop Guidance Document for Development of Aluminum Criteria for Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) Permit Issuance		
Brief Overview This action will create guidance to address the following: Virginia adopted the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommended aluminum criteria into the Water Quality Standards regulation, effective June 2024. These criteria are to be integrated into requirements for the issuance of certain Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) permits in the Commonwealth. The VPDES permit program and the water quality monitoring and assessment programs are the primary programs which will be charged with implementing the criteria once effective. Water quality assessment procedures are established every two years coinciding with development and publication of the biennial Water Quality Assessment 305(b)/303(d) Integrated Report (IR). These procedures are established in guidance which entails a public comment period. DEQ will develop a guidance document regarding aluminum limits in reissued and new VPDES permits. DEQ will need to develop implementation guidance clearly explaining the application of Virginia's freshwater aluminum criteria, including calculation of site-specific criteria using site-specific measurements of pH, hardness, and dissolved oxygen concentrations that consider seasonal and hydrological variability and proposed methodology for using the most conservative inputs for criteria calculation in waters with federally listed species.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This Guidance Document will assist the regulated community and stakeholders with regards to permit condition expectations as well as to assist DEQ staff in providing consistency for permitting decisions regarding these conditions.	
Expected Date	August 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) N/A		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Develop Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) Ammonia Guidance Document		
Brief Overview DEQ will develop a guidance document regarding ammonia limits in reissued Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) permits. This guidance document will describe a phased implementation program for use in applying the recently revised ammonia freshwater criteria (9VAC25-260-155 subsections B and C). These Virginia water quality criteria are more stringent in response to changes in the federal criteria that were published in 2013; the revised criteria became effective on October 8, 2020. State law provides that a phased implementation program must be established as part of adoption of the revised criteria (§ 62.1-44.15:1 C). This phased implementation program is intended to provide qualifying permittees with additional time where needed to comply with new effluent limits, resulting from the revised criteria. This phased implementation program provides permittees that discharge or have the potential to discharge ammonia with the option to request an extended schedule of compliance regarding ammonia limits that are revised based on the revised criteria. The phased implementation program is applicable to any existing permittee that discharges or has the potential to discharge ammonia. This includes both existing municipal and existing industrial facilities.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This guidance document will assist the regulated community and stakeholders with regards to permit condition expectations as well as to assist DEQ staff in providing consistency for permitting decisions regarding these conditions.	
Expected Date	August 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 7145		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Revise DEQ's Manual for Processing Requests Pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act		
Brief Overview DEQ intends to revise its Manual for Processing Requests Pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act to reflect the agency's transition to new Freedom of Information Act management software and to adjust its policy for charging to recover its costs for processing requests as permitted by the Code of Virginia.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component		
Expected Date	September 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) N/A	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Develop Guidance on Disclosure Statements (DEQ Forms DISC-01, DISC-02, and DISC-03)	
Brief Overview This action will create a new guidance document that will provide solid waste management facilities and Department of Environmental Quality staff with instructions on submission of Disclosure Statements required by the Virginia Solid Waste Management Regulations, 9VAC20-81.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This new guidance document will clarify that permit applicants who have previously conducted waste operations in Virginia are subject to less comprehensive disclosure requirements than permit applicants who have not previously conducted waste operations in Virginia.
Expected Date	October 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) N/A		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Develop Implementation Guidance for 9VAC25-260-140.G - Use of the Biotic Ligand Model for Copper Criteria Amendments		
Brief Overview This action will develop guidance on the implementation of 9VAC25-260-140.G. Guidance is necessary to provide clarity to permittees about the implementation of the proposed amendments to the Water Quality Standards (WQS) regulations for case-by-case implementation of the biotic ligand model (BLM) for copper. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) considers Virginia's current WQS regulation language regarding the copper BLM-derived criteria to be a process for developing site-specific criteria. Each BLM-derived criteria value would need to be promulgated before using the value in permitting evaluations. EPA stated it cannot accept a BLM-derived copper permit limit until site-specific copper criteria have been promulgated, or unless a more prescriptive approach is provided for in the WQS and sufficiently detailed guidance provides for criteria implementation. Guidance to be developed concurrent with a rulemaking to amend language in the WQS regulation to allow a performance-based approach to establishing water quality endpoints to be applied in permitting evaluations.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This will provide permittees and DEQ staff additional flexibility in permitting decisions related to freshwater copper.	
Expected Date	October 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) N/A		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Develop Hazardous Substance Facility Response Plans & Discharge Reporting Guidance		
Brief Overview This action will create new guidance. Chapter 279 of the 2025 Acts of Assembly (HB 2516, Del. Lopez) requires DEQ to develop guidance regarding implementation of the requirements applicable to certain facilities storing hazardous substances. This new guidance document will outline applicability and provide instructions for compliance with recordkeeping and reporting requirements.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute	☐ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component		
Expected Date	November 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) N/A		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Develop Nutrient Offset Fund Guidance Memorandum – Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) Program.		
Brief Overview This action will create guidance for the Nutrient Offset Fund, a subfund of the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund administered by DEQ in accordance with § 10.1-2128.2 of the Code of Virginia. Money in the subfund is used to acquire nutrient credits or allocations from point or nonpoint sources that achieve equivalent point or nonpoint source reductions in the same tributary beyond those reductions already required by or funded under federal or state law or the Watershed Implementation Plan prepared for the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load. This guidance will provide details and provisions on the use of the Fund to purchase, transfer, or terminate nutrient credits or wasteload allocation as required by the Nutrient General Permit. This guidance will be developed in collaboration with the Virginia Nutrient Credit Exchange Association.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This action will provide clarification and additional procedures for staff and the regulated community.	
Expected Date	November 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) LPR-SW-2016-01		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Revise LPR-SW-2016-01 - Management of Sharps Guidance		
Brief Overview This action will update LPR-SW-2016-01. Published April 22, 2016, this guidance clarifies the management requirements for sharps in compliance with the Virginia Regulated Medical Waste Management Regulations. This is an existing guidance document on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall and is being updated for consistency with Amendment 3 to the Regulated Medical Waste Management Regulations (9VAC20-121). This guidance document is used by Department of Environmental Quality staff, the regulated community and the general public concerning the packaging, labeling, management and disposal of sharps.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component		
Expected Date	December 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) GM23-2002		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind Guidance Memo 23-2002 - Final 2024 Water Quality Assessment Guidance Manual		
Brief Overview This action will rescind GM23-2002 once the 2026 Water Quality Assessment Guidance Manual is effective. Published on November 25, 2023, Virginia's 2024 Water Quality Assessment Guidance Manual establishes the procedures that DEQ staff follow for conducting water quality assessments to generate Virginia's 2024 305(b)/303(d) Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report. Section 62.1-44.19:5 C of the Code of Virginia requires DEQ to develop and publish the procedures used for defining and determining impaired waters and provide for public comment on the procedures. The guidance manual was applicable for the 2024 Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report (IR) and will be superseded by the 2026 Water Quality Assessment Guidance. It is therefore being proposed for removal once the 2026 Guidance is made effective.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This document will be outdated once the 2026 Water Quality Assessment Guidance Manual is effective and should be removed from Town Hall. Doing so will rescind 112 pages of unnecessary guidance.	
Expected Date	December 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 01-2024D		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Revise the Storage Tank Technical Manual – Volume 2: Release Reporting Requirements (01-2024D)		
Brief Overview This action will amend and update guidance document 01-2024D. Originally published on May 10, 2011, this guidance manual is being updated. The updated version will eliminate obsolete links and processes as well provide better procedural clarification for staff and stakeholders regarding when and how to report releases to the Department of Environmental Quality. This document is an internal job aid for tank remediation staff that provides a standard framework for handling release reporting consistently administratively statewide. The document will also expand on language from the 2011 document to provide clarity to all stakeholders.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component		
Expected Date	January 2026	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) GM20-2003		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Revise Guidance Memo No. 20-2003 – Chesapeake Bay TMDL Special Condition Guidance		
Brief Overview The intent of this February 6, 2021 guidance document is to provide DEQ staff and permittees in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed with background information and procedures to meet the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Special Condition requirements in municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) permits. This document may also be used as a reference to meet the Chesapeake Bay TMDL load allocation for unregulated urban entities, as well as local TMDL waste load allocations for nutrients and sediment. This document currently references the 2018-2023 General Permit cycle. All of the Phase I and Phase II MS4 permits have been reissued since the origination of this guidance document; therefore, it is out of date and not consistent with the reissued permit language. Thus, this guidance document needs to be amended for consistency with the reissued MS4 permits.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component		
Expected Date	January 2026	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) N/A		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Develop Guidance Document for Inclusion of U.S. EPA Clean Water Act Section 316(b), Cooling Water Intake Structures Requirements in Virginia Pollution Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) Permits for Large Facilities		
Brief Overview This action will create guidance to address the following: The 316 (b) Existing Facility rule of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) was promulgated and finalized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 2014 and requires the inclusion of certain best technology available (BTA) considerations and requirements for cooling water intake structures at facilities that have Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) permits. Facilities that withdrawal greater than two million gallons per day and use 25% or more of the water withdrawn from an adjoining waterbody exclusively for cooling purposes must meet the requirements specified in the rule. This guidance document will assist staff in determining the requirements for existing facilities that are at or above the thresholds stated above. The guidance reflects the criteria and requirements EPA has included in the Existing Facility regulation for minimizing impingement mortality and entrainment of aquatic organisms. EPA requires DEQ to include the consideration of technology that achieves one of seven options for reducing fish impingement and a case-by-case approach for reducing entrainment. This guidance document will provide public transparency about how DEQ is making these recommendations, enable the regulated community to appropriately prepare their permit applications/reapplications and facilitate multi-agency coordination on this rule. This guidance document needs to be developed because the reissuance of affected VPDES permits is occurring and DEQ is required by federal law to incorporate these requirements into the VPDES program.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
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Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component		
Expected Date	January 2026	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) N/A		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Develop Guidance Document for Inclusion of U.S. EPA Clean Water Act Section 316(b), Cooling Water Intake Structures Requirements in Virginia Pollution Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) Permits for Small Facilities		
Brief Overview This action will create guidance to address the following: The 316 (b) Existing Facility rule of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) was promulgated and finalized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 2014 and requires the inclusion of certain best technology available (BTA) considerations and requirements for cooling water intake structures at facilities that have Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) permits. Facilities that withdrawal two million gallons per day or less, or that use less than 25% of the water withdrawn from an adjoining waterbody exclusively for cooling purposes, must meet BTA determined on a best professional judgment basis. This guidance document will assist staff in determining the requirements for existing facilities that are below the thresholds stated above. The guidance reflects consideration of the criteria and requirements EPA has included in the Existing Facility regulation for minimizing impingement mortality and entrainment of aquatic organisms to the extent these requirements are appropriate for smaller facilities. This guidance document will provide public transparency about how DEQ is making these recommendations, enable the regulated community to appropriately prepare their permit applications/reapplications and facilitate multi-agency coordination on this rule. This guidance document needs to be developed because the reissuance of affected VPDES permits is occurring and DEQ is required by federal law to incorporate these requirements into the VPDES program.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component		
Expected Date	January 2026	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) N/A	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Develop Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB) Pollution Minimization Plan Guidance	
Brief Overview This guidance document will detail procedures to develop Pollutant Minimization Plans (PMPs) for implementing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Waste Load Allocations. The guidance will include guidelines for Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) staff to request, review and approve a PMP, as well as track plan implementation and compliance, to measure progress in attaining PCB reductions. The guidance will also assist applicable Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) permitted facilities listed as PCB sources in a TMDL with preparing a complete and approvable PMP.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This guidance will remove confusion and uncertainty for permitted facilities and the public.
Expected Date	January 2026

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) LPR-SW-SI-30		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Develop Submission Instructions No. 30: Guidelines for Landfill Topographic Survey Submissions (LPR-SW-SI-30)		
Brief Overview This action will create guidance to provide landfill permittees instruction on submission of annual/biennial landfill topographic surveys. This is a guidance document that will be used by Department of Environmental Quality staff and permitted landfills to assist with submission of the annual/biennial landfill topographic survey.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component		
Expected Date	March 2026	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) LPR-SW-04-2009		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Revise LPR-SW-04-2009 - Solid Waste Management Plan 5-year Update Guidance		
Brief Overview This guidance document was developed to clarify regulatory requirements applicable to solid waste planning units under the Virginia Solid Waste Planning and Recycling Regulations (9VAC20-130). This is an existing guidance document on Virginia Regulatory Town Hall and is being updated for consistency with the 2019 amendment to the solid waste planning regulations.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component		
Expected Date	May 2026	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) LPR-SRR-2016-03		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Revise Storage Tank Program Compliance Manual, Vol 3: Underground Storage Tank Inspections (LPR-SRR-2016-03)		
Brief Overview This action will amend and update LPR-SRR-2016-03. Originally published on July 29, 2016, this volume of the Storage Tank Program Compliance Manual provides guidance for DEQ staff on how to perform underground storage tank (UST) inspections. This guidance provides inspection procedures, technical information regarding UST system components, regulatory and statutory framework and interpretations, instructions for the mobile inspection application, and supporting documentation. This guidance document will be amended to incorporate the following guidance documents: LPR-SRR-2018-3: New Underground Storage Tank (UST) Requirements Effective January 1, 2018; and LPR-SRR-2020-01: New Underground Storage Tank (UST) Requirements Effective January 1, 2021.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component		
Expected Date	June 2026	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) N/A		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Develop Permitting and Coordination of Construction General Permits and Erosion and Sediment Control at Solid Waste Landfills Guidance		
Brief Overview This action will create new guidance, clarifying DEQ's implementation and permitting issuance procedures for solid waste landfills under the Virginia Waste Management Act (VWMA). DEQ implements the program and permitting under a solid waste permit. In addition, DEQ has implementation and permitting issuance responsibility for state-wide nonpoint source pollution control and pollutant discharges into surface water. Thus, a solid waste landfill may also be subject to permitting under a Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity during its active operation and/or a General VPDES Permit for Discharges of Stormwater from Construction Activities during construction. The purpose of this guidance document is to provide clarity on when such permitting may be applicable and how these programs will coordinate on overlapping permitting and compliance issues at solid waste landfills.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component		
Expected Date	June 2026	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) GM21-2001	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind GM21-2001 and Reissue guidance for the Implementation of the 2021 Reissuance of the VPDES General Permit Regulation for Seafood Processing Facilities, VAG52	
Brief Overview This action will rescind GM21-2001 and reissue guidance for the Seafood Processing Facilities General Permit (VAG52), 9VAC25-115, to reflect the reissued general permit which becomes effective on July 1, 2026. Published on April 15, 2021, GM 21-2001 applied to the General Permit that was effective July 24, 2021. The reissued guidance will identify changes that have been made to the General Permit VAG52 that become effective July 1, 2026 and provide DEQ staff with instructions on implementation of these changes, provide information on aspects of the permit that have raised questions, and to provide example letters that staff may use for the administration of the regulation.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
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Deregulatory Component	This document provides information to DEQ staff and the regulated community on the interpretation and implementation of the General Permit. General permits are less burdensome than having to apply for and issue an individual permit for each facility that is subject to regulation. The guidance ensures the permitting process is timely, efficient, and transparent. Rescinding GM21-2001 and reissuing guidance that is specific to the permit regulation that is currently effective reduces confusion and provides more certainty to DEQ staff and the regulated community.
Expected Date	June 2026

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) GM21-2005		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rescind GM21-2005 and Reissue “Implementation Guidance the VPDES General Permit for Domestic Sewage Discharges of Less Than or Equal to 1,000 Gallons Per Day”		
Brief Overview This action will rescind GM21-2005 and reissue “Implementation Guidance for the VPDES General Permit for Domestic Sewage Discharges of Less Than or Equal to 1,000 Gallons Per Day” to reflect the new general permit that will take effect in August 2026. Published on May 27, 2021, GM21-2005 provided DEQ staff information on the implementation of the Domestic Sewage Discharges General Permit (VAG40) based on the amendment of 9VAC25-110 and the 2021 reissuance of the general permit. This reissued guidance will cover the general permit regulation that becomes effective on August 1, 2026. The purpose of the new guidance is to identify changes that have been made to the Regulation (9VAC25-110) and General Permit (VAG40), and to provide DEQ staff with instructions on the implementation of these changes.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This document summarizes the changes made in the reissuance of 9VAC25-110 and VAG40 and serves as a quick reference and training document for DEQ staff. General permits are less burdensome than having to apply for and issue an individual permit for each facility that is subject to regulation. The guidance ensures the permitting process is timely, efficient, and transparent. Rescinding GM14-2017 and reissuing guidance that is specific to the permit regulation that is currently effective reduces confusion and provides more certainty to DEQ staff and the regulated community.	
Expected Date	June 2026	

Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR)

Total Guidance Actions for FY26 = 2

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Guidance Document Forum ID 4598		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Notification and Public Participation Processes for National Register/Virginia Landmarks Register Nominations in Virginia		
Brief Overview		
State and federal laws each require different types of public notification prior to DHR board meetings to consider new landmark nominations to the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places. This form provides information about the process. The anticipated revisions relate to notifications sent to property owners and would enable DHR to send property owners adjacent to districts postcards instead of letters. This would be a cost savings measure for the agency.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	N/A	
Expected Date	August 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Guidance Document Forum ID 4641		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
How to Apply for Designation as a Certified Local Government in Virginia		
Brief Overview		
Created by the National Historic Preservation Amendments Act of 1980, the Certified Local Government (CLG) program allows the State Historic Preservation Officer (in Virginia, the Director of the Department of Historic Resources) and the Secretary of the Interior to certify for formal participation in the national historic preservation program local governments that have certain elements of a preservation program in place. General requirements for certification are identified by federal law; specific requirements for the Virginia program have been established by the Department of Historic Resources. This document explains these requirements. The anticipated revisions would be to make the document more user-friendly and to better organize the information.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	N/A	
Expected Date	January 2026	

Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR)

Total Guidance Actions for FY26 = 2

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID: Action 6721 / Stage 10720	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Biennial Review of Wildlife Regulations	
Brief Overview At its May 22, 2025 meeting, the Board of Wildlife Resources approved final regulations for its Biennial Review of Wildlife Regulations, pertaining to primarily hunting and trapping regulations, in addition to other regulation chapters where mandate reduction efforts could be taken. These final regulations will move forward to ORM review (June/July) and subsequent Register publication. This regulatory action affects 4VAC15-20, 4VAC15-30, 4VAC15-40, 4VAC15-50, 4VAC15-70, 4VAC15-90, 4VAC15-160, 4VAC15-170, 4VAC15-210, 4VAC15-240, 4VAC15-260, 4VAC15-410, and 4VAC15-430. Expected Registrar publication will occur in August/September with an effective date of September/October.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed Rule ☒ Final Rule ☐ Emergency Rule ☐ Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Rule ☒ Exempt Rule ☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces boating education mandates required by students of boating safety classes; reduces mandates on boating safety class administrators; reduces redundant boating regulations already covered by Code of Federal Regulations; clarifies second amendment rights to carry certain weapons during special hunting seasons; reduces mandates on applying for elk license lottery and special license applications; removes 5-year reporting requirements for possession of domestic fox or European rabbits held before July 1, 2017; removes reporting requirements for prairie dogs held in possession; removes mandatory reporting of harvested snakehead fish; and repealed regulation over license consignment agents.
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID: n/a	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Special Regulatory Reduction Cycle (upcoming)	
Brief Overview Per planning calls with ORM staff in April, the Department currently sits at a 21% regulatory requirement reduction as of the May 22 Board meeting, once the above regulatory actions become effective. To meet the Governor's requirement of a 25% regulatory requirement reduction outlined in EO 19, we will be conducting a special regulatory amendment cycle (separate from our regularly scheduled biennial cycles) to locate and remove 49 additional regulatory mandates that will meet this goal by December 31, 2025. Preliminary plans include a proposal stage occurring in August and a subsequent final stage in October.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed Rule ☒ Final Rule ☐ Emergency Rule ☐ Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Rule ☒ Exempt Rule ☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	Staff are currently working to identify at least 49 more mandates to eliminate from our regulatory catalog. Proposals will be brought forward at our August Board meeting.
Expected Date	December 2025

Secretariat of Public Safety and Homeland Security

Virginia Department of Forensic Science (DFS)

Total Guidance Actions for FY26 = 1

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
N/A		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Breath Test Operator Instructional Manual Intox EC/IR II		
Brief Overview The Breath Test Operator Instructional Manual Intox EC/IR II provides instruction for law enforcement personnel on the operation of the Intox EC/IR II and the scientific principles governing breath testing and the Intox EC/IR II.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	The Department of Forensic Science will be replacing the Intox EC/IR II breath instruments currently deployed around the state. This will necessitate revisions to the Operator Instructional Manual. During this revision, the Department will endeavor to shorten the document by 2,500 words, which represents 25% of the length of the guidance document. This action was scheduled for FY2025 but has been delayed due to procurement delays in purchasing the new instruments.	
Expected Date	December 2025	

Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)

Total Guidance Actions for FY26 = 4

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Not available		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Action to Amend Compliance Manual for the Regulation for Nonresidential Services (6VAC35-150)		
Brief Overview		
This action seeks to amend the Compliance Manual for the Regulation for Nonresidential Services (6VAC35-150). The document governs all certification audits of state-operated and locally operated court service units and other entities providing non-residential services and subject to the board's regulations. Proposed amendments will provide interpretive guidance to staff in such facilities and in the department's Certification Unit.		
. Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	The action will make preliminary modifications to shorten the document by removing unnecessary purpose statements, extraneous language, and outdated references to incorporated procedures for the sole purpose of reducing the length and word count of the document. Additional changes to align the manual with proposed regulatory changes will be proposed at a later date to coincide with the effective date of the regulatory amendments.	
Expected Date	October 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Action to Amend Compliance Manual for the Regulation Governing Juvenile Secure Detention Centers	
Brief Overview This action seeks to amend the Compliance Manual for the Regulation Governing Juvenile Secure Detention Centers. The document governs all compliance audits of juvenile detention centers, and proposed amendments will provide interpretive guidance to staff in JDCs and the department's Certification Unit.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	The proposed amendments will align with changes and reductions to 6VAC35-101. Additionally, proposed changes will shorten and simplify the document by removing extraneous purpose statements and unnecessary rationales, as well as repetitive language.
Expected Date	June 2026

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Action to Amend Compliance Manual for the Regulation Governing Juvenile Group Homes and Halfway Houses (6VAC35-41)	
Brief Overview This action seeks to amend the Compliance Manual for the Regulation Governing Juvenile Group Homes and Halfway Houses (6VAC35-41). The document governs all compliance audits of juvenile group homes funded, in part, by the Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act. Proposed amendments will provide interpretive guidance to staff in such facilities and in the department's Certification Unit.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	The proposed amendments will align with changes and reductions to 6VAC35-41. Additionally, proposed changes will shorten and simplify the document by removing extraneous purpose statements and unnecessary rationales, as well as repetitive language.
Expected Date	June 2026

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not available		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Action to Simplify Guidance Document Interpreting 6VAC35-170		
Brief Overview This action is intended to modify the guidance document interpreting the Regulation Governing Juvenile Data Requests and Research Proposals (6VAC35-170) to align with proposed changes to 6VAC35-170.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	The department is working to finalize recommendations that will align the document with changes to 6VAC35-170, including removing provisions that impose unnecessarily burdensome requirements on researchers and individuals making requests for juvenile data. Additionally, the proposal will shorten and simplify the document by removing extraneous or duplicative provisions and striking unnecessary details of the process.	
Expected Date	June 2026	

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Total Guidance Actions for FY26 = 1

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Not Available	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
The Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan (COVEOP)	
Brief Overview	
VDEM anticipates repealing the COVEOP as a guidance document. The COVEOP is an operations plan promulgated by Executive Order 41 (2019).	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☒ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute ☐ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	This action formally excludes the COVEOP from designation as a guidance document, as it constitutes an operational plan issued pursuant to executive order and does not conform to the statutory definition of a guidance document set forth in Virginia Code § 2.2-4101.
Expected Date	July 2025

Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VDFP)

Total Guidance Actions for FY26 = 1

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) VFSB-1		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Aid-To-Localities Policy		
Brief Overview This guide is intended to provide potential grant applicants information on Aid-To-Locality Grants provided by Department of Fire Programs, in consultation with the Virginia Fire Services Board, as required in <i>Code of Virginia</i> § 9.1-204. Revisions are required to comply with new legislation that directs the Virginia Fire Services Board to develop a policy to require emergency incidents be reported to the National Emergency Response Information System to remain eligible to receive grants.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute	☐ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	N/A	
Expected Date	June 2026	

Secretariat of Transportation

Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

Total Guidance Actions for FY26 = 7

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Create Free Virginia ID, Driver's License, or Vital Record for Homeless Youth guidance document	
Brief Overview The proposed regulatory action would create a new guidance document. Chapter 181 of the 2025 Acts of Assembly establishes a fee waiver on certain DMV and Vital Records documents for customers that are homeless youths. This guidance document would establish the process by which homeless youths can receive a fee waiver on certain DMV and Vital Records documents.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	There is no deregulatory component associated with this regulatory action. The regulatory action is necessary to establish a process by which DMV will offer a fee waiver to homeless youth for certain vital records and DMV documentation.
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Update DMV Cognitive Impairment Policy to include additional language clarifying that licensure is contingent on the customer's ability to pass the CDRS evaluation.		
Brief Overview The proposed regulatory action is based on the recommendations of DMV's Medical Advisory Board. This regulatory action would add the following language to the guidance document: "Drivers who fail a CDRS evaluation and are recommended to retire from driving will be suspended. A passing CDRS evaluation will be required in order to reconsider the suspension."		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	There is no deregulatory component associated with this regulatory action. The regulatory action would merely seek to clarify the consequences of the customer failing the CDRS evaluation.	
Expected Date	August 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Update DMV Transient Ischemic Attack and/or Cerebral Vascular Accident Policy guidance document to shorten the six-month suspension to not less than three months for certain customers.		
Brief Overview The proposed regulatory action would introduce language to shorten the six-month suspension to not less than three months for customers who have suffered a CVA in cases where DMV receives information from the driver's health care provider to indicate that they have fully recovered.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	The proposed regulatory action would reduce the license suspension for customers in cases where DMV receives information from the driver's health care provider to indicate that the driver has fully recovered.	
Expected Date	August 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Update Virginia Motor Carrier Manual guidance document to account for recommendations and changes from federal agencies.		
Brief Overview The proposed regulatory action would make certain changes recommended by NTSB and make any necessary updates related to the transition from the old IFTA/IRP/CVIEW system to the new one in August.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	These changes, currently, to do present any deregulatory features. DMV may identify deregulatory features associated with this regulatory action as drafting of these changes continue. Currently, the changes would be based solely on federal changes and recommendations.	
Expected Date	February 2026	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Update Virginia Motorcycle Rider Training Program, Virginia Rider Training Program Policy and Procedures guidance document		
Brief Overview The proposed regulatory action would include multiple changes to the Virginia Motorcycle Rider Training Program, Virginia Rider Training Program Policy and Procedures guidance document. These changes include, but are not limited to, requiring that classes are conducted in accordance with MSF code of conduct, changing the title of Motorcycle Safety Specialist to training site coordinator, and requiring that all RiderCoaches are enrolled into the Driver Alert program.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	These changes, currently, to do present any deregulatory features. DMV may identify deregulatory features associated with this regulatory action as drafting of these changes continues.	
Expected Date	February 2026	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amend Obtaining a Virginia Driver's License or Identification (ID) Card guidance document to allow additional residency documents and clarify minors' mandated court licensing ceremony requirement.		
Brief Overview The proposed regulatory action would introduce new types of primary proof of residency documents that can be used by customers to show proof of Virginia residency and update the language about court licensing ceremonies and provide additional guidance to minors seeking to acquire a driver's license on how to determine if such a ceremony is required in the jurisdiction in which they live.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	The proposed regulatory action would increase the number of documents that DMV will accept to show proof of Virginia residency, which would allow customers a greater variety of options to meet this requirement when seeking to attain a driver's license or identification card.	
Expected Date	February 2026	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amend Obtaining a Virginia Driver Privilege Card guidance document to allow an additional residency document and clarify minors' mandated court licensing ceremony requirement.		
Brief Overview The proposed regulatory change would introduce a new type of primary proof of residency documents that can be used by customers to show proof of Virginia residency and update the language about court licensing ceremonies and provide additional guidance to minors seeking to acquire a driver's license on how to determine if such a ceremony is required in the jurisdiction in which they live.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	The proposed regulatory change would increase the number of documents that DMV will accept to show proof of Virginia residency, which would allow customers a greater variety of options to meet this requirement when seeking to attain a driver privilege card.	
Expected Date	February 2026	

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)

Total Guidance Actions for FY26 = 1

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 2741		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Consolidating three guidance documents- FREIGHT (Commonwealth Rail Funds) Program Guidelines and Procedures (7065), Rail Preservation Program Guidance and Procedures (7087), and Rail Industrial Access Guidelines and Procedures (7088) into one guidance document.		
Brief Overview DRPT is proposing to take three guidance documents that are in total are 77 pages and reducing it to one document that totals 21 pages.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	N/A	
Expected Date	July 2025	

Motor Vehicle Dealer Board (MVDB)

Total Guidance Actions for FY26 = 4

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
AD100-16	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
Internet Privacy Policy	
Brief Overview	
The guidance document explains the current Internet privacy practices for MVDB's website. The agency provides the website, and the information presents as a public service. Internet policies have been listed on agency's website.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☒ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Removal of guidance document. Removal of this document will contribute to the 25% reduction.
Expected Date	June 2026

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
AD130-96		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Adjudicated Cases Policy		
Brief Overview		
This guide is intended to provide MVDB employees guidance on how to handle Adjudicated Cases not involving the Transaction Recovery Fund. This is an internal agency policy determined by the Board.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Removal of guidance document. Removal of this document will contribute to the 25% reduction.	
Expected Date	June 2026	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
PR045-12	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
TrueCar, Dealix, and Insurance	
Brief Overview	
This was a Guidance Memorandum to all Virginia Motor Vehicle Dealers in 2012 addressing billing models from TrueCar and Dealix. This memorandum also addresses the requirement that each dealer license plate issued have liability insurance.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Removal of guidance document. Removal of this document will contribute to the 25% reduction.
Expected Date	June 2026

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
PR050-97		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Wholesale Sales Agreement Policy		
Brief Overview		
The guide was intended to provide Virginia Dealers with an approved template or similarly formatted Wholesale Sales Agreement in lieu of Buyers Guide.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Removal of guidance document. Removal of this document will contribute to the 25% reduction.	
Expected Date	June 2026	

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Total Guidance Actions for FY26 = 14

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amend the Revenue Sharing Program Guidelines		
Brief Overview VDOT will update the Revenue Sharing Program Guidelines' formatting, remove unnecessary references, remove/adjust appendices, and adjust guidance for internal VDOT procedures.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Specific reductions cannot be identified at this time.	
Expected Date	July 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Manual for the Procurement and Management of Professional Services updates by VDOT	
Brief Overview VDOT expects to update the Manual to reflect current procurement practices consistent with best practice. Changes include updates and clarifications to the solicitation and award process for professional services, and updated responsibilities associated with the successful administration of professional services contracts.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	The amendments are expected to reduce the length of the guidance document.
Expected Date	July 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amend VDOT Public Involvement Manual	
Brief Overview VDOT expects to make revisions to the VDOT Public Involvement Manual, including revising the Tier 1 and Tier 2 cost thresholds, ensuring all state and federal code and regulatory references are correct, revising document filing and storage references, updating links and references to verify they are pointing to valid websites or sources due to changes to the VDOT website, and making general formatting changes to comply with the Section 508 Accessibility requirements for web-based documents.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	This action is not expected to have a deregulatory component.
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amend Guidance Document for the Commonwealth Transportation Board's Secondary Street Acceptance Requirements	
Brief Overview VDOT expects to make revisions to the Guidance Document for the Commonwealth Transportation Board's Secondary Street Acceptance Requirements consistent with the Final amendments to 24VAC30-92 related to connectivity requirements as directed by Chapter 425 of the 2022 Acts of the General Assembly.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Consistent with the amendments to 24VAC30-92, the changes to this guidance document will reflect more flexible options for meeting or waiving existing requirements for the number and location of connections to existing highways that must be made from a new addition to the secondary system.
Expected Date	August 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Remove the Frequently Asked Questions - Land Use Permits from guidance document list		
Brief Overview VDOT expects to remove the Frequently Asked Questions - Land Use Permits guidance document from the Town Hall guidance documents list. This action will reflect the finalized rulemaking to amend the corresponding regulation (24VAC30-151). The document duplicates information found in the regulation and relevant permit documents.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	The Frequently Asked Questions - Land Use Permits document imposes no regulatory requirements. Removing it from the guidance document list will reduce the agency's guidance document aggregate word count by 2,931 words.	
Expected Date	September 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amend Land Development Inspection & Documentation Manual		
Brief Overview VDOT expects to make revisions to the Land Development Inspection & Documentation Manual to reflect updates to VDOT inspection procedures.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Specific reductions cannot be identified at this time.	
Expected Date	September 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amend the Urban Construction and Maintenance Program (Urban Manual)		
Brief Overview VDOT will make changes to the Urban Manual including amending and condensing the manual to remove outdated language and information duplicated in other departmental documents and clarifying and expanding information on eligible maintenance activities and expenditure reporting and incorporating best practices.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Specific reductions cannot be identified at this time.	
Expected Date	September 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Remove the Guidance Document for Determination of Certain Financial Benefits to Displacees from guidance documents list	
Brief Overview The CTB proposes to remove the Guidance Document for Determination of Certain Financial Benefits to Displacees from the Town Hall guidance documents list. The guidance document was originally intended to outline procedures for VDOT staff, but it is no longer utilized. Some of the information contained in the document does not reflect current practice and the remaining information duplicates information contained in 24VAC30-41.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	The Guidance Document for Determination of Certain Financial Benefits to Displacees imposes no discretionary requirements on regulants. Removing it will reduce the agency's guidance document aggregate word count by 5,821 words.
Expected Date	October 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amend Economic Development Access Program Guide		
Brief Overview VDOT will update the Economic Development Access Program Guide's formatting, remove unnecessary references, and remove/adjust appendices.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Specific reductions cannot be identified at this time.	
Expected Date	December 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amend Airport Access Program Guide	
Brief Overview VDOT will update the Airport Access Program Guide's formatting, remove unnecessary references, and remove/adjust appendices.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Specific reductions cannot be identified at this time.
Expected Date	December 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amend Recreational Access Program Guide	
Brief Overview VDOT will update the Recreational Access Program Guide's formatting, remove unnecessary references, and remove/adjust appendices.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Specific reductions cannot be identified at this time.
Expected Date	December 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amend the Transportation Alternatives Program Guide	
Brief Overview VDOT is considering changes to the Transportation Alternatives Program Guide in FY26, but those changes cannot be determined at this time.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Specific reductions cannot be identified at this time.
Expected Date	December 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not available		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amendment to the VDOT Public Involvement Manual		
Brief Overview VDOT expects to make changes to the VDOT Public Involvement Manual to reflect the Exempt Final rulemaking to amend the corresponding regulation, 24VAC30-380, Public Hearings for Location and Design of Highway Construction Projects. The regulatory amendments and changes to the guidance document are expected to increase regulatory flexibility.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Specific deregulatory changes cannot be determined at this time.	
Expected Date	March 2026	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amend Public-Private Transportation Act Implementation Manual and Guidelines	
Brief Overview VDOT expects to make revisions to the Public-Private Transportation Act Implementation Manual and Guidelines in FY26, but those changes cannot be determined at this time.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Specific reductions cannot be identified at this time.
Expected Date	June 2026

Virginia Port Authority (VPA)

Total Guidance Actions for FY26 = 2

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) N/A		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Update Procurement and Capital Outlay Manual		
Brief Overview This will update the previously posted Procurement and Capital Outlay Manual to reflect the most current one adopted this year by the VPA Board of Commissioners.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☐ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	N/A	
Expected Date	August 2025	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) N/A		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Remove Waterway Maintenance Guidelines		
Brief Overview The Waterway Maintenance Program is transferring to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, consistent with HB1834 passed this previous General Assembly session, and will no longer be under the VPA's purview. Therefore, we are proposing to remove this Guidance Document.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☐ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Removes a guidance document that will be unnecessary come July 1, 2025 for VPA.	
Expected Date	August 2025	

Secretariat of Veterans and Defense Affairs

Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS)

Total Guidance Actions for FY26 = 1

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Not available		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Change 1-VAC-80-20 and Guidance Document to conform with the change from “ <i>Exemption from taxes on property of surviving spouses of members of the armed forces killed in action</i> ” to “ <i>Exemption from taxes on property of surviving spouses of members of the armed forces who died in the line of duty</i> ” as approved in the November 5, 2024 General Election and effective January 1, 2025.		
Brief Overview		
The voters of Virginia, in the November 5, 2024 General Election, approved a referendum to amend the Constitution of Virginia to change eligibility for real estate tax exemption for surviving spouse of members of the armed forces “<i>killed in action</i>” to “<i>who died in the line of duty.</i>” The change was effective January 1, 2025 (Acts 2024, c. 583, cl. 3) DVS is working on a two-step process: 1. Amend 1-VAC-80-20; then 2. Update the “<i>Guidelines Governing the Administration of the Veteran and Surviving Spouse Property Tax Exemptions</i>” document, which is published on Virginia Regulatory Town Hall		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☒ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☒ Expedited Review Requested (1-VAC-80-20) ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute	☐ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	In conjunction with updating the “ <i>Guidelines Governing the Administration of the Veteran and Surviving Spouse Property Tax Exemptions</i> ” document to reflect the change from “ <i>Killed in Action</i> ” to “ <i>Died in the Line of Duty,</i> ” DVS will formally implement the reduction (from 98 pages to 54 pages) in the length of the guidance document.	
Expected Date	October 2025	