

Unified Regulatory Plan of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management for State Fiscal Year 2025



May 28, 2025

Virginia Department of Emergency Management

Agency Summary

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management's (VDEM) mission is to save lives through effective emergency management and homeland security programs by coordinating a whole of Commonwealth approach to any complex event or disaster including, but not limited to, any natural, man-made, acts of terrorism, or cyber-related incident or event. We achieve this mission through VDEM's responsibilities across the emergency management continuum which includes activities to prevent, prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate threats to the Commonwealth with a diverse set of partners across local, state, tribal, and federal government agencies, the private sector, and non-profits.

Regulatory Activities

VDEM does not have regulatory authority. The regulation listed below outlines VDEM's guidelines for soliciting public participation for plans that are substantive in nature either wholly or in part. The below Chapter of the Administrative Code is the section related to VDEM and does not impose mandates or express regulatory power.

Additionally, VDEM has one guidance document, the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan. This document is an emergency operations plan promulgated by Executive Order 42 (2019) and therefore does not qualify as a guidance document.

Title of Regulation or Guidance Document	Current Number of Reg Requirements or Word Count
Chapter 10 Public Participation Guidelines	0 Regs
Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan	0 Regs

Anticipated Regulatory Activity

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Not Available	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
Chapter 10 Public Participation Guidelines	
Brief Overview	
VDEM anticipates repealing Chapter 10 Public Participation Guidelines due to the agency's lack of regulatory power.	
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 repeal VDEM's section of the Virginia Administrative Code, thereby affirming the agency's non-regulatory status. Chapter 10, Public Participation Guidelines, does not serve an operative regulatory function and is therefore unnecessary.
Expected Date	July 2025

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