

VIRGINIA DROUGHT MONITORING TASK FORCE

Drought Status Report

September 22, 2011

Statewide precipitation for the current water year, October 1, 2010 to September 23, 2011 is within the normal range (98% of normal). All drought evaluation regions are now reporting normal precipitation for the current water year. Normal precipitation is defined as the mean precipitation for a thirty year period of record. Precipitation greater than 85% and less than 115% of normal is considered to be in the normal range. Statewide precipitation is in the normal range (104%) for the calendar year. Appendix A contains precipitation tables for periods dating from July 1, 2010 through September 23, 2011 provided by the Climatology Office of the University of Virginia.

As of September 25, 2011 the National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center 6-10 day climatologic outlooks call for above normal precipitation for the Northern Virginia area and below normal temperatures for the entire Commonwealth. The 8-14 day outlooks call for above normal precipitation for all but Southwest Virginia and above normal temperatures for the entire Commonwealth. The one month outlook calls for equal chances of below normal, normal and above normal precipitation for the entire Commonwealth, and below normal temperatures for the entire Coastal Plain. The three month outlook calls for equal chances of below normal, normal and above normal precipitation and temperatures statewide.

The September 27, 2011 NOAA U.S. Drought Monitor indicates “abnormally dry” conditions exist in approximately 4% of the Commonwealth, comprised of Henry, Pittsylvania and Halifax Counties. The remainder of Virginia is reported as having no drought conditions (Appendix C). The Seasonal Drought Outlook for the United States from now through November 2011 forecasts “improvement” for the areas or Virginia currently listed as “abnormally dry” and “no drought posted or predicted” for the remainder of the state. (Appendix D).

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) reports that 4 systems are under voluntary water conservation requirements and no systems are under mandatory water conservation requirements. The VDH report now excludes any systems that have non-drought related supply issues. Of the 43 systems listed in the VDH report, 16 are rated as having a “Better” overall water supply situation, 1 is rated as having a “Worse” overall water supply situation and all other systems are rated as being in a “Stable” situation (Appendix F).

Reports from the Climatology Office of the University of Virginia, the United States Geological Survey, the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality follow.

Report of the Climatology Office of the University of Virginia

September 25, 2011

Most all locations across the Commonwealth have received large amounts of rainfall during September to date. This can be attributed primarily to frontal passages and a persistent upper-air low associated with the remnants of Tropical Storm Lee. Some small areas of Virginia have seen over five times the normal amount for this period. But, despite the overall wet conditions, some small isolated spots were significantly drier than normal.

Averaged over the Drought Regions, the Eastern Shore was driest, with only about normal for the month to date, while the wettest region, Northern Virginia, gathered over 230% of normal. Aggregated back to the beginning of the growing season, all regions show normal or above precipitation.

At this point, we are well into autumn, and have already begun the transition back to having most of our precipitation associated with winter storms and frontal passages. These generally will bring more widespread and spatially uniform moisture across large portions of Virginia. In addition, the tropics are still active and even one tropical system or its remnants can bring large amounts of additional widespread rainfall.

United States Geological Survey Streamflow and Ground Water Levels

September 22, 2011

The remnants of Tropical Storm Lee brought extensive precipitation to most of Virginia. Streamflow conditions have improved and are in the normal to above normal range of flows across most of the Commonwealth (Appendix G). Drought conditions for streamflow have improved, but still persist in parts of the Roanoke and Chowan Basins (Appendix I).

Groundwater levels (Appendix H) have responded in a similar manner with water levels in wells in the northern parts of the Commonwealth in the normal range. Wells in the Coastal Plain continue to be in the normal to above normal range. Water levels in central Virginia continue to be in the below normal range and are following the spring/summer recession. Once leaf off occurs, groundwater levels are expected to improve as long as precipitation occurs.

Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

September 2011

According to the USDA Crop Weather Report released on September 26, 2011, 90% of topsoil moisture ranged from adequate to surplus. Most regions around the state received some, and in some cases excessive, rainfall as a result of two storms: Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. Drought conditions in many areas of the state have been greatly diminished and the moisture will make a

tremendous contribution to fall and winter grazing. As of September 27, 2011, Powhatan County is the only locality to formally request the Governor's assistance in obtaining federal agricultural disaster designation due to drought conditions. VDACS has requested that the USDA/Farm Service Agency prepare an official loss assessment report for Powhatan.

Although producers in Northern and Central Virginia and the Shenandoah Valley report sufficient moisture conditions, some areas such as the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula received excessive rainfall as a result of Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. Irrigation ponds and vegetable crops sustained significant damage. There is concern that wet conditions will delay strawberry plantings and could negatively impact the 2012 harvest.

With fall harvest underway, reports on the crop yields vary widely. Southwest and Southern Virginia reported that August was very hot and dry in that region and corn may be negatively impacted. Northern Virginia farmers reported that late August and September rainfall helped crops significantly and it is expected to be a good crop year. Other areas, such as some parts of Central and Eastern Virginia, reported that the late summer rains came too late to significantly improve some crop yields.

Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Conditions of Major Reservoirs

Two large reservoirs statewide are at drought watch levels. Four large multi-purpose reservoirs are identified as drought indicators in the *Virginia Drought Assessment and Response Plan (Plan)*; Smith Mountain Lake, Lake Moomaw, Lake Anna and Kerr Reservoir. Lake Moomaw and Lake Anna are currently at levels above their Drought Watch stages. Kerr Reservoir is 3.41 feet below its Drought Watch stage and Smith Mountain Lake is 0.81 feet below Drought Watch stage. Below is a summary of large reservoir conditions :

- On September 22, Lake Moomaw on the Jackson River was at 1568.52 feet, and was dropping at a rate of approximately 0.1 ft per day. Approximately 48% of conservation storage remains. Lake Moomaw is 3.52 ft above its Drought Watch level (1565 feet MSL).
- On September 22, Kerr Reservoir was at 296.09 feet, approximately 3.41 ft below the Guide Curve, and was anticipated to drop to 295.50 ft by September 29, 2011. Drought Watch status is reached at greater than 3 ft below the Guide Curve.
- On September 22, Smith Mountain Lake was at elevation 792.19 ft, approximately 0.81 feet below Drought Watch level. The Drought Watch stage for Smith Mountain Lake is elevation 793 feet and below.
- On September 22, Lake Anna was at elevation 249.9 ft (1.9 ft above drought watch). The Drought Watch stage for Lake Anna Lake is elevation 248 feet and below.

APPENDIX A

Precipitation Departures by Drought Evaluation Region

PRELIMINARY PRECIPITATION SUMMARY

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| DROUGHT REGION | OBSERVED | Sep 1, 2011 NORMAL | - Sep 23, 2011 DEPARTURE | % OF NORM. |
|---------------------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| 1 Big Sandy | 5.17 | 2.65 | 2.51 | 195% |
| 2 New River | 5.33 | 2.61 | 2.72 | 204% |
| 3 Roanoke | 5.05 | 3.24 | 1.81 | 156% |
| 4 Upper James | 4.54 | 2.68 | 1.86 | 169% |
| 5 Middle James | 5.57 | 3.17 | 2.40 | 176% |
| 6 Shenandoah | 4.89 | 2.81 | 2.08 | 174% |
| 7 Northern Virginia | 7.31 | 3.12 | 4.19 | 234% |
| 8 Northern Piedmont | 4.54 | 3.28 | 1.26 | 138% |
| 9 Chowan | 4.68 | 3.40 | 1.28 | 138% |
| 10 Northern Coastal Plain | 4.87 | 3.14 | 1.73 | 155% |
| 11 York-James | 6.21 | 3.76 | 2.45 | 165% |
| 12 Southeast Virginia | 5.26 | 3.40 | 1.86 | 155% |
| 13 Eastern Shore | 2.69 | 2.77 | -0.08 | 97% |
| Statewide | 5.14 | 3.07 | 2.07 | 168% |

| DROUGHT REGION | OBSERVED | Aug 1, 2011 NORMAL | - Sep 23, 2011 DEPARTURE | % OF NORM. |
|---------------------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| 1 Big Sandy | 7.71 | 6.48 | 1.22 | 119% |
| 2 New River | 7.68 | 5.92 | 1.75 | 130% |
| 3 Roanoke | 7.81 | 6.96 | 0.85 | 112% |
| 4 Upper James | 7.31 | 6.01 | 1.30 | 122% |
| 5 Middle James | 11.13 | 6.99 | 4.15 | 159% |
| 6 Shenandoah | 8.68 | 6.14 | 2.53 | 141% |
| 7 Northern Virginia | 12.00 | 6.97 | 5.03 | 172% |
| 8 Northern Piedmont | 9.52 | 7.10 | 2.41 | 134% |
| 9 Chowan | 13.58 | 7.71 | 5.88 | 176% |
| 10 Northern Coastal Plain | 13.96 | 7.00 | 6.96 | 200% |
| 11 York-James | 16.99 | 8.63 | 8.36 | 197% |
| 12 Southeast Virginia | 17.38 | 8.52 | 8.86 | 204% |
| 13 Eastern Shore | 12.28 | 6.64 | 5.64 | 185% |
| Statewide | 10.22 | 6.90 | 3.32 | 148% |

| DROUGHT REGION | OBSERVED | Jul 1, 2011 NORMAL | - Sep 23, 2011 DEPARTURE | % OF NORM. |
|---------------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| 1 Big Sandy | 13.13 | 10.96 | 2.17 | 120% |
| 2 New River | 11.50 | 9.71 | 1.79 | 118% |
| 3 Roanoke | 11.60 | 11.35 | 0.24 | 102% |
| 4 Upper James | 9.86 | 10.05 | -0.19 | 98% |
| 5 Middle James | 16.18 | 11.40 | 4.79 | 142% |
| 6 Shenandoah | 11.39 | 9.90 | 1.49 | 115% |
| 7 Northern Virginia | 14.31 | 10.74 | 3.57 | 133% |
| 8 Northern Piedmont | 11.59 | 11.50 | 0.09 | 101% |

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|----|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| 9 | Chowan | 19.94 | 12.22 | 7.72 | 163% |
| 10 | Northern Coastal Plain | 18.36 | 11.45 | 6.91 | 160% |
| 11 | York-James | 25.63 | 13.73 | 11.90 | 187% |
| 12 | Southeast Virginia | 25.72 | 13.59 | 12.13 | 189% |
| 13 | Eastern Shore | 15.99 | 10.64 | 5.36 | 150% |
| | Statewide | 14.54 | 11.24 | 3.30 | 129% |

| DROUGHT REGION | | OBSERVED | Jun 1, 2011 NORMAL | - Sep 23, 2011 DEPARTURE | % OF NORM. |
|----------------|------------------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Big Sandy | 16.26 | 15.10 | 1.16 | 108% |
| 2 | New River | 13.70 | 13.56 | 0.13 | 101% |
| 3 | Roanoke | 14.27 | 15.24 | -0.98 | 94% |
| 4 | Upper James | 12.27 | 13.76 | -1.50 | 89% |
| 5 | Middle James | 19.61 | 14.91 | 4.71 | 132% |
| 6 | Shenandoah | 14.68 | 13.61 | 1.06 | 108% |
| 7 | Northern Virginia | 16.28 | 14.60 | 1.68 | 111% |
| 8 | Northern Piedmont | 14.32 | 15.51 | -1.19 | 92% |
| 9 | Chowan | 23.11 | 15.87 | 7.25 | 146% |
| 10 | Northern Coastal Plain | 22.30 | 15.01 | 7.29 | 149% |
| 11 | York-James | 31.33 | 17.14 | 14.19 | 183% |
| 12 | Southeast Virginia | 29.63 | 17.20 | 12.44 | 172% |
| 13 | Eastern Shore | 22.27 | 13.62 | 8.65 | 164% |
| | Statewide | 17.64 | 15.03 | 2.61 | 117% |

| DROUGHT REGION | | OBSERVED | May 1, 2011 NORMAL | - Sep 23, 2011 DEPARTURE | % OF NORM. |
|----------------|------------------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Big Sandy | 21.60 | 19.92 | 1.68 | 108% |
| 2 | New River | 19.54 | 17.77 | 1.76 | 110% |
| 3 | Roanoke | 18.96 | 19.57 | -0.61 | 97% |
| 4 | Upper James | 17.35 | 18.04 | -0.69 | 96% |
| 5 | Middle James | 24.04 | 19.15 | 4.90 | 126% |
| 6 | Shenandoah | 20.11 | 17.45 | 2.66 | 115% |
| 7 | Northern Virginia | 20.27 | 18.94 | 1.33 | 107% |
| 8 | Northern Piedmont | 19.41 | 19.73 | -0.33 | 98% |
| 9 | Chowan | 25.84 | 19.96 | 5.89 | 129% |
| 10 | Northern Coastal Plain | 24.69 | 19.17 | 5.53 | 129% |
| 11 | York-James | 33.23 | 21.41 | 11.82 | 155% |
| 12 | Southeast Virginia | 32.08 | 21.06 | 11.02 | 152% |
| 13 | Eastern Shore | 23.37 | 17.14 | 6.23 | 136% |
| | Statewide | 22.01 | 19.29 | 2.72 | 114% |

| DROUGHT REGION | | OBSERVED | Apr 1, 2011 NORMAL | - Sep 23, 2011 DEPARTURE | % OF NORM. |
|----------------|-------------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Big Sandy | 27.64 | 23.68 | 3.95 | 117% |
| 2 | New River | 25.23 | 21.32 | 3.90 | 118% |
| 3 | Roanoke | 23.45 | 23.37 | 0.08 | 100% |
| 4 | Upper James | 24.78 | 21.44 | 3.33 | 116% |
| 5 | Middle James | 28.03 | 22.49 | 5.55 | 125% |
| 6 | Shenandoah | 27.37 | 20.37 | 6.99 | 134% |
| 7 | Northern Virginia | 25.13 | 22.24 | 2.88 | 113% |
| 8 | Northern Piedmont | 24.91 | 23.02 | 1.89 | 108% |

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|----|------------------------|-------|-------|------|------|
| 9 | Chowan | 27.78 | 23.39 | 4.40 | 119% |
| 10 | Northern Coastal Plain | 27.32 | 22.26 | 5.06 | 123% |
| 11 | York-James | 34.47 | 24.71 | 9.76 | 140% |
| 12 | Southeast Virginia | 33.71 | 24.31 | 9.40 | 139% |
| 13 | Eastern Shore | 24.89 | 20.06 | 4.83 | 124% |
| | Statewide | 26.66 | 22.71 | 3.95 | 117% |

| DROUGHT REGION | | OBSERVED | Mar 1, 2011 NORMAL | - Sep 23, 2011 DEPARTURE | % OF NORM. |
|----------------|------------------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Big Sandy | 34.31 | 27.93 | 6.37 | 123% |
| 2 | New River | 31.65 | 24.99 | 6.66 | 127% |
| 3 | Roanoke | 28.77 | 27.64 | 1.13 | 104% |
| 4 | Upper James | 30.49 | 25.23 | 5.26 | 121% |
| 5 | Middle James | 33.44 | 26.55 | 6.89 | 126% |
| 6 | Shenandoah | 31.70 | 23.57 | 8.12 | 134% |
| 7 | Northern Virginia | 30.01 | 25.90 | 4.11 | 116% |
| 8 | Northern Piedmont | 30.42 | 26.83 | 3.59 | 113% |
| 9 | Chowan | 31.90 | 27.76 | 4.15 | 115% |
| 10 | Northern Coastal Plain | 31.32 | 26.54 | 4.78 | 118% |
| 11 | York-James | 37.47 | 29.40 | 8.07 | 127% |
| 12 | Southeast Virginia | 37.11 | 28.51 | 8.60 | 130% |
| 13 | Eastern Shore | 28.13 | 24.37 | 3.76 | 115% |
| | Statewide | 31.81 | 26.75 | 5.06 | 119% |

| DROUGHT REGION | | OBSERVED | Feb 1, 2011 NORMAL | - Sep 23, 2011 DEPARTURE | % OF NORM. |
|----------------|------------------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Big Sandy | 36.60 | 31.51 | 5.09 | 116% |
| 2 | New River | 33.45 | 27.92 | 5.53 | 120% |
| 3 | Roanoke | 30.23 | 30.95 | -0.72 | 98% |
| 4 | Upper James | 31.98 | 28.08 | 3.90 | 114% |
| 5 | Middle James | 34.83 | 29.67 | 5.16 | 117% |
| 6 | Shenandoah | 33.35 | 25.98 | 7.37 | 128% |
| 7 | Northern Virginia | 31.90 | 28.57 | 3.33 | 112% |
| 8 | Northern Piedmont | 31.74 | 29.80 | 1.94 | 107% |
| 9 | Chowan | 33.08 | 30.93 | 2.16 | 107% |
| 10 | Northern Coastal Plain | 32.48 | 29.68 | 2.81 | 109% |
| 11 | York-James | 38.74 | 32.93 | 5.81 | 118% |
| 12 | Southeast Virginia | 38.72 | 32.01 | 6.71 | 121% |
| 13 | Eastern Shore | 29.58 | 27.56 | 2.02 | 107% |
| | Statewide | 33.36 | 29.88 | 3.48 | 112% |

| DROUGHT REGION | | OBSERVED | Jan 1, 2011 NORMAL | - Sep 23, 2011 DEPARTURE | % OF NORM. |
|----------------|-------------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Big Sandy | 38.39 | 35.24 | 3.14 | 109% |
| 2 | New River | 34.37 | 31.13 | 3.23 | 110% |
| 3 | Roanoke | 31.40 | 34.87 | -3.47 | 90% |
| 4 | Upper James | 32.89 | 31.36 | 1.53 | 105% |
| 5 | Middle James | 36.37 | 33.33 | 3.04 | 109% |
| 6 | Shenandoah | 34.37 | 28.83 | 5.54 | 119% |
| 7 | Northern Virginia | 33.67 | 31.85 | 1.82 | 106% |
| 8 | Northern Piedmont | 33.22 | 33.32 | -0.10 | 100% |

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|----|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| 9 | Chowan | 34.68 | 35.04 | -0.36 | 99% |
| 10 | Northern Coastal Plain | 34.04 | 33.43 | 0.62 | 102% |
| 11 | York-James | 41.20 | 37.07 | 4.13 | 111% |
| 12 | Southeast Virginia | 41.80 | 36.17 | 5.64 | 116% |
| 13 | Eastern Shore | 32.44 | 31.12 | 1.33 | 104% |
| | Statewide | 34.83 | 33.52 | 1.32 | 104% |

| DROUGHT REGION | | OBSERVED | Dec 1, 2010 NORMAL | - Sep 23, 2011 DEPARTURE | % OF NORM. |
|----------------|------------------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Big Sandy | 42.94 | 38.88 | 4.06 | 110% |
| 2 | New River | 38.14 | 33.84 | 4.29 | 113% |
| 3 | Roanoke | 34.60 | 38.12 | -3.52 | 91% |
| 4 | Upper James | 35.85 | 34.31 | 1.53 | 104% |
| 5 | Middle James | 39.06 | 36.50 | 2.56 | 107% |
| 6 | Shenandoah | 36.85 | 31.42 | 5.43 | 117% |
| 7 | Northern Virginia | 35.46 | 34.95 | 0.51 | 101% |
| 8 | Northern Piedmont | 35.75 | 36.60 | -0.85 | 98% |
| 9 | Chowan | 37.93 | 38.06 | -0.12 | 100% |
| 10 | Northern Coastal Plain | 35.76 | 36.71 | -0.94 | 97% |
| 11 | York-James | 43.19 | 40.46 | 2.73 | 107% |
| 12 | Southeast Virginia | 44.65 | 39.35 | 5.30 | 113% |
| 13 | Eastern Shore | 35.57 | 34.36 | 1.22 | 104% |
| | Statewide | 37.81 | 36.64 | 1.17 | 103% |

| DROUGHT REGION | | OBSERVED | Nov 1, 2010 NORMAL | - Sep 23, 2011 DEPARTURE | % OF NORM. |
|----------------|------------------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Big Sandy | 46.27 | 42.16 | 4.11 | 110% |
| 2 | New River | 41.19 | 36.87 | 4.31 | 112% |
| 3 | Roanoke | 36.95 | 41.48 | -4.53 | 89% |
| 4 | Upper James | 38.36 | 37.67 | 0.68 | 102% |
| 5 | Middle James | 41.39 | 40.01 | 1.38 | 103% |
| 6 | Shenandoah | 38.88 | 34.47 | 4.40 | 113% |
| 7 | Northern Virginia | 37.16 | 38.36 | -1.20 | 97% |
| 8 | Northern Piedmont | 38.03 | 40.40 | -2.37 | 94% |
| 9 | Chowan | 39.78 | 41.17 | -1.38 | 97% |
| 10 | Northern Coastal Plain | 37.78 | 39.85 | -2.06 | 95% |
| 11 | York-James | 44.76 | 43.83 | 0.93 | 102% |
| 12 | Southeast Virginia | 46.37 | 42.42 | 3.95 | 109% |
| 13 | Eastern Shore | 36.78 | 37.30 | -0.52 | 99% |
| | Statewide | 40.14 | 39.87 | 0.27 | 101% |

| DROUGHT REGION | | OBSERVED | Oct 1, 2010 NORMAL | - Sep 23, 2011 DEPARTURE | % OF NORM. |
|----------------|-------------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Big Sandy | 48.68 | 45.04 | 3.64 | 108% |
| 2 | New River | 43.11 | 40.04 | 3.06 | 108% |
| 3 | Roanoke | 39.77 | 45.19 | -5.43 | 88% |
| 4 | Upper James | 40.58 | 40.92 | -0.35 | 99% |
| 5 | Middle James | 44.13 | 43.85 | 0.28 | 101% |
| 6 | Shenandoah | 40.12 | 37.66 | 2.46 | 107% |
| 7 | Northern Virginia | 39.81 | 41.84 | -2.03 | 95% |

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|----|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| 8 | Northern Piedmont | 40.32 | 44.39 | -4.07 | 91% |
| 9 | Chowan | 42.33 | 44.75 | -2.41 | 95% |
| 10 | Northern Coastal Plain | 40.48 | 43.36 | -2.87 | 93% |
| 11 | York-James | 48.31 | 47.36 | 0.95 | 102% |
| 12 | Southeast Virginia | 49.41 | 46.08 | 3.33 | 107% |
| 13 | Eastern Shore | 39.43 | 40.51 | -1.08 | 97% |
| | Statewide | 42.59 | 43.37 | -0.78 | 98% |

| DROUGHT REGION | | OBSERVED | Sep 1, 2010 NORMAL | - Sep 23, 2011 DEPARTURE | % OF NORM. |
|----------------|------------------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Big Sandy | 51.00 | 48.50 | 2.49 | 105% |
| 2 | New River | 47.06 | 43.45 | 3.61 | 108% |
| 3 | Roanoke | 46.02 | 49.42 | -3.40 | 93% |
| 4 | Upper James | 46.09 | 44.42 | 1.67 | 104% |
| 5 | Middle James | 50.24 | 47.98 | 2.26 | 105% |
| 6 | Shenandoah | 45.12 | 41.33 | 3.79 | 109% |
| 7 | Northern Virginia | 46.22 | 45.91 | 0.31 | 101% |
| 8 | Northern Piedmont | 46.61 | 48.67 | -2.06 | 96% |
| 9 | Chowan | 50.63 | 49.18 | 1.45 | 103% |
| 10 | Northern Coastal Plain | 48.16 | 47.45 | 0.72 | 102% |
| 11 | York-James | 57.58 | 52.26 | 5.32 | 110% |
| 12 | Southeast Virginia | 62.69 | 50.51 | 12.19 | 124% |
| 13 | Eastern Shore | 43.99 | 44.12 | -0.13 | 100% |
| | Statewide | 48.63 | 47.37 | 1.26 | 103% |

| DROUGHT REGION | | OBSERVED | Aug 1, 2010 NORMAL | - Sep 23, 2011 DEPARTURE | % OF NORM. |
|----------------|------------------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Big Sandy | 56.13 | 52.33 | 3.80 | 107% |
| 2 | New River | 52.30 | 46.76 | 5.54 | 112% |
| 3 | Roanoke | 52.46 | 53.14 | -0.69 | 99% |
| 4 | Upper James | 49.07 | 47.75 | 1.32 | 103% |
| 5 | Middle James | 54.42 | 51.80 | 2.63 | 105% |
| 6 | Shenandoah | 47.82 | 44.66 | 3.16 | 107% |
| 7 | Northern Virginia | 50.49 | 49.76 | 0.73 | 101% |
| 8 | Northern Piedmont | 50.02 | 52.49 | -2.47 | 95% |
| 9 | Chowan | 54.90 | 53.49 | 1.41 | 103% |
| 10 | Northern Coastal Plain | 52.50 | 51.31 | 1.20 | 102% |
| 11 | York-James | 59.28 | 57.13 | 2.15 | 104% |
| 12 | Southeast Virginia | 65.88 | 55.63 | 10.26 | 118% |
| 13 | Eastern Shore | 48.77 | 47.99 | 0.78 | 102% |
| | Statewide | 52.99 | 51.20 | 1.80 | 104% |

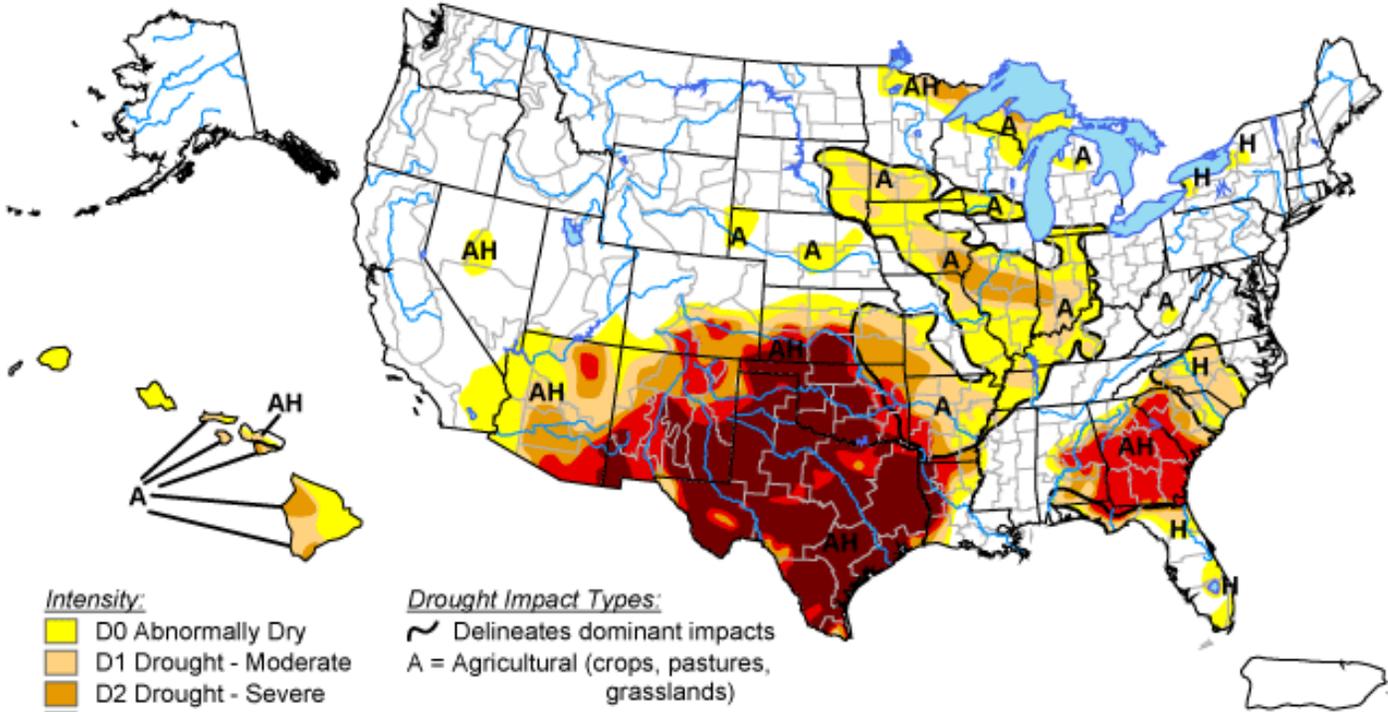
| DROUGHT REGION | | OBSERVED | Jul 1, 2010 NORMAL | - Sep 23, 2011 DEPARTURE | % OF NORM. |
|----------------|-------------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Big Sandy | 59.86 | 56.81 | 3.05 | 105% |
| 2 | New River | 55.15 | 50.55 | 4.59 | 109% |
| 3 | Roanoke | 55.71 | 57.53 | -1.82 | 97% |
| 4 | Upper James | 52.72 | 51.79 | 0.93 | 102% |
| 5 | Middle James | 56.29 | 56.21 | 0.08 | 100% |
| 6 | Shenandoah | 51.20 | 48.42 | 2.78 | 106% |
| 7 | Northern Virginia | 53.95 | 53.53 | 0.42 | 101% |

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|----|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| 8 | Northern Piedmont | 52.35 | 56.89 | -4.54 | 92% |
| 9 | Chowan | 56.59 | 58.00 | -1.41 | 98% |
| 10 | Northern Coastal Plain | 53.96 | 55.76 | -1.79 | 97% |
| 11 | York-James | 62.64 | 62.23 | 0.42 | 101% |
| 12 | Southeast Virginia | 69.61 | 60.70 | 8.92 | 115% |
| 13 | Eastern Shore | 50.86 | 51.99 | -1.13 | 98% |
| | Statewide | 55.77 | 55.54 | 0.23 | 100% |

APPENDIX B

U.S. Drought Monitor

September 20, 2011
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional

Drought Impact Types:

- ~ Delineates dominant impacts
- A = Agricultural (crops, pastures, grasslands)
- H = Hydrological (water)

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.



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APPENDIX C

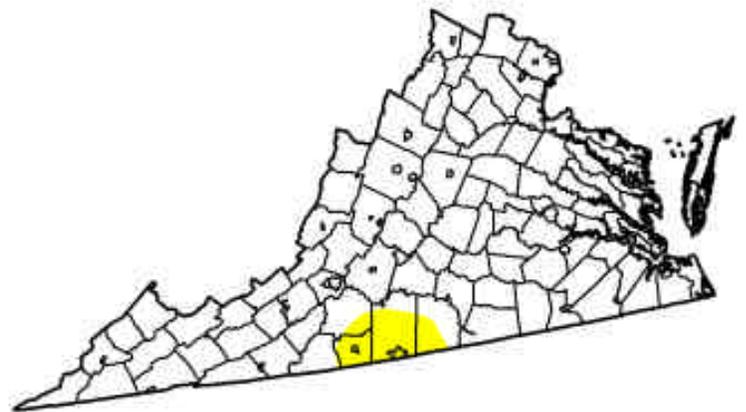
U.S. Drought Monitor Virginia

September 27, 2011

Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 95.83 | 4.17 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Last Week (09/20/2011 map) | 95.48 | 4.52 | 1.47 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago (06/29/2011 map) | 66.14 | 33.86 | 19.26 | 0.82 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Start of Calendar Year (12/25/2010 map) | 81.67 | 18.33 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Start of Water Year (09/29/2010 map) | 13.71 | 86.29 | 49.67 | 28.15 | 0.79 | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago (09/21/2010 map) | 10.90 | 89.10 | 50.31 | 31.33 | 0.79 | 0.00 |



Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

<http://drought.unl.edu/dm>

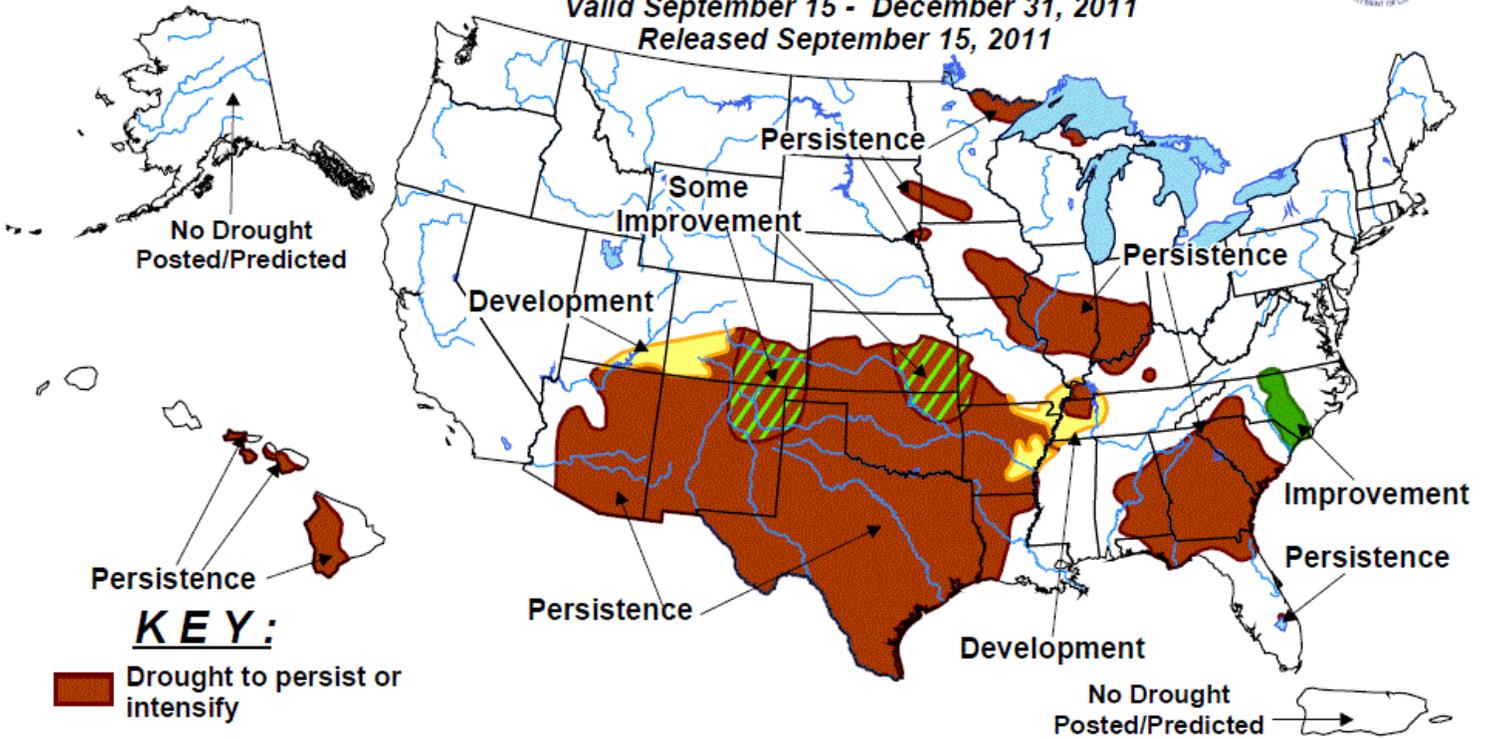


Released Thursday, September 29, 2011
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APPENDIX D



U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook Drought Tendency During the Valid Period Valid September 15 - December 31, 2011 Released September 15, 2011



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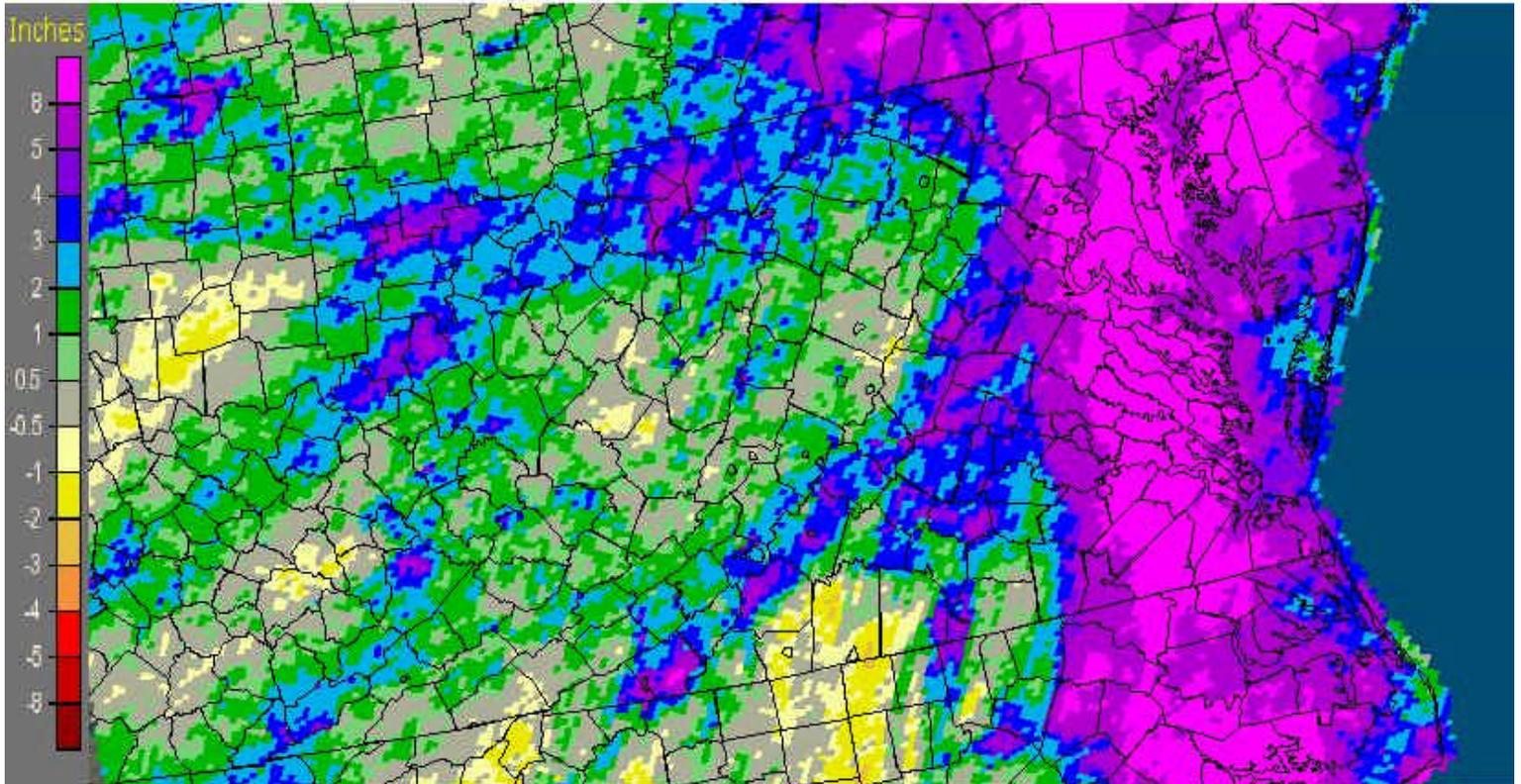
-  Drought to persist or intensify
-  Drought ongoing, some improvement
-  Drought likely to improve, impacts ease
-  Drought development likely

Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Short-term events -- such as individual storms -- cannot be accurately forecast more than a few days in advance. Use caution for applications -- such as crops -- that can be affected by such events. "Ongoing" drought areas are approximated from the Drought Monitor (D1 to D4 intensity). For weekly drought updates, see the latest U.S. Drought Monitor. NOTE: the green improvement areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels,

APPENDIX E

30-Day Departure from Normal Precipitation Valid September 1, 2011

Virginia: Current 30-Day Departure from Normal Precipitation
Valid at 9/22/2011 1200 UTC- Created 9/22/11 16:07 UTC



APPENDIX F

Condition of Public Water Supplies

August 25, 2011

ODW Drought Situation Report

Date: **9/22/11**

| | Restriction totals | Population Totals |
|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Mandatory | 0 | 0 |
| Voluntary | 4 | 56,682 |
| Total | 4 | 56,682 |

16 systems are in Better Condition

1 system in Worse Condition

N-None
M-Mandatory
V-Voluntary
B-Better
S-Stable/Same
W-Worse

| PWSID | Waterworks | Source Name | Restrictions | Situation | Population Served |
|---------|---------------------------------|---|--------------|--|-------------------|
| 3053280 | DCWA Central (Dinwiddie County) | Appomattox River Water Authority (ARWA) | N | B-9/19/2011 - Call for voluntary restrictions lifted as of 9/9/2011 due to increase in lake level. | 6,800 |
| 3081550 | GCWSA - Jarratt | Nottoway River | N | S - 9/19/2011 - River level sufficient to allow plant operation at 1.9 mgd. Gage at Stony Creek indicates 3.18 feet. | 7,190 |
| 3149700 | Puddledock Road | ARWA | N | B-9/19/2011 - Call for voluntary restrictions lifted as of 9/9/2011 due to increase in lake level. | 9,723 |

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|-------------|---|---|---|---|--|
| 35500 51 | Chesapeake | Northwest River, City of Norfolk Raw Water (Lake Gaston) | N | B -09/20/2011 Total rainfall for September 2.35 inches. The water levels are back to normal. Continuing to purchase raw water from Norfolk (7.0 MGD average). | 108,657 |
| 35701 50 | Colonial Heights | Purchased from Appomattox River Water Authority | V | S - 09/19/2011 - Consecutive system to ARWA - decided to go to Voluntary restriction on own. ARWA lifted call for restrictions based on increase in lake level. | 17,286 |
| 35952 50 | Emporia | Meherrin River | N | S - 09/19/2011 - Reservoir level sufficient for normal operation. | 5,600 |
| 36708 00 | Virginia-American Water Company (Hopewell) | Appomattox & James Rivers | N | S - 09/19/2011 - Level at intakes sufficient to supply plant. | 28000 - Primary / 45463 - Total |
| 37005 00 | Newport News | Chickahomony River, Skiffs Creek, Diascand, Little Creek, Harwoods Mill, Lee Hall | N | B - 9/18/11 * Reservoir Status: 97.5 % Full * 36.7 Million Gallons Delivered | 415,000 |
| 37101 00 | Norfolk | Lake Prince, Lake Burnt Mills, Western Branch reservoir, Nottoway River, Blackwater River, 4 western wells; Little Creek reservoir, Lakes Smith, Lawson, Whitehurst, and Wright. Lake Gaston. | N | B - 9/19/2011 - Reservoirs at 100% storage capacity (from 86.3% on 8/22). Historical average is 85.3%. 7.8 MGD being pumped from Lake Gaston (from 48.9 MGD on 8/22) . | 261,250 - Primary / 755,617 - Total |

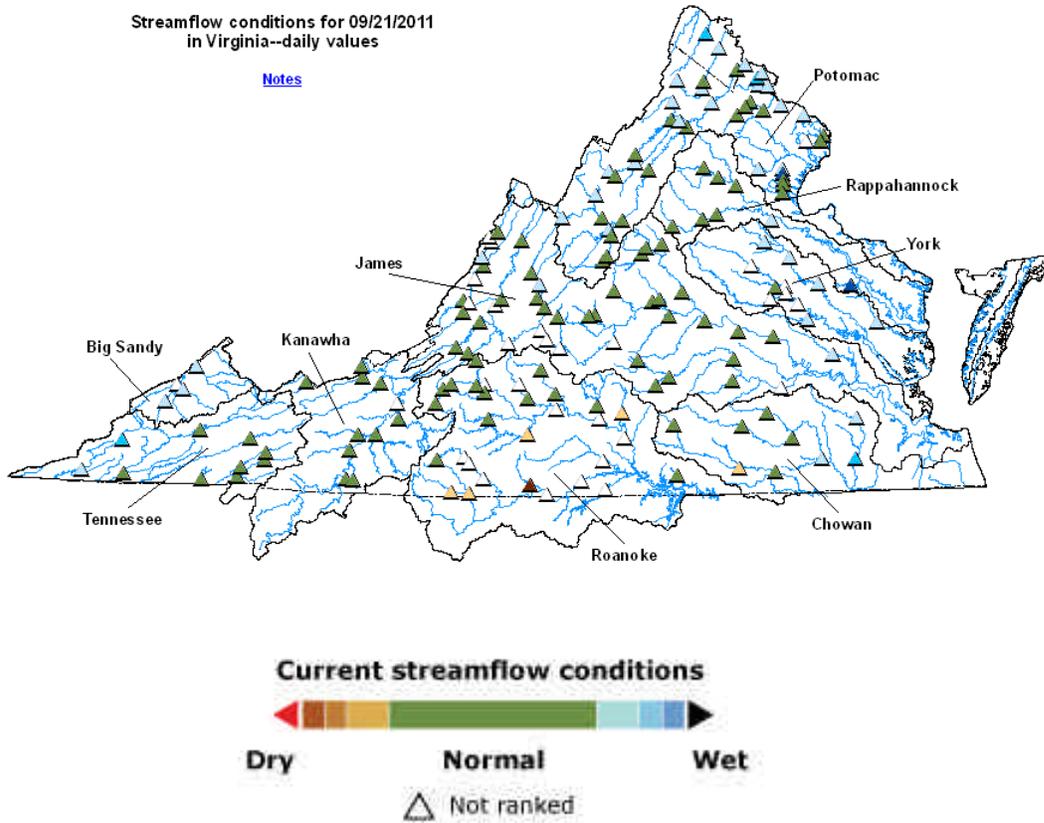
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|-------------|--|---|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| 37307 50 | Petersburg | ARWA | V | S - 9/20/2011 - Generally follow ARWA recommendations on restrictions; however have not lifted voluntary restrictions in City yet. | 33,740 |
| 37406 00 | Portsmouth | Lakes Cohoon, Meade, Kilby, and Speights Run | N | B - 9/16/11 - Reservoirs at 100% storage capacity (from 69% on 8/19). Historical average is 88%. Emergency wells are off. | 100,400 - Primary / 120,400 - Total |
| 38008 05 | Suffolk | Lone Star Lakes, Cumps Mill Pond | N | B - 9/19/2011 - Current lake levels Southern Lakes 75%, Lone Star 98.82% and Crumps Mill 90.48%. Total rainfall from 9/12/2011 through 9/18/2011 is 2.13 inches. | 66,631 |
| 38308 50 | Williamsburg | Waller Mill Reservoir | N | B - 9/20/11: 9" above primary spillway - about 97% of usable capacity. | 16,400 |
| 40410 35 | Appomattox River Water Authority | Surface water; Lake Chesdin | N | S | 200,000 |
| 40418 45 | Chesterfield Co Central Water System | Surface water; Swift Creek reservoir; purchases finished water | N | S | 286,000 |
| 40578 00 | Tappahannock, Town Of | Groundwater wells | N | S | 2,100 |
| 40733 11 | Gloucester Co Water Treatment Plant | Surface water, Beaverdam reservoir; 2 deep groundwater wells | N | B | 12,000 |
| 40752 83 | Eastern Goochland Central Water System | Purchased surface water | N | S | 2,500 |
| 40853 98 | Hanover Suburban Water System | Surface water; North Anna River; some groundwater wells; purchases finished water | N | S | 71,000 |

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|-------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------|
| 40871 25 | Henrico County Water System | Surface water; James River | N | S | 289,000 |
| 41019 00 | West Point, Town Of | Groundwater wells | N | S | 3,000 |
| 41271 10 | Delmarva Properties | Groundwater wells | N | S | 7,700 |
| 41456 75 | Powhatan Courthouse | Groundwater wells | N | S | 2,600 |
| 41932 80 | Colonial Beach, Town Of | Groundwater wells | N | S | 3,300 |
| 47601 00 | Richmond, City Of | Surface water; James River | N | S | 197,000 |
| 50090 50 | Town of Amherst | Buffalo River | N | S- Several inches of rain in the past couple of days per Operator | 5,076 |
| 50092 50 | Amherst County Service Authority | Graham Creek Reservoir | N | S | 13,338 |
| 50110 50 | Town of Appomattox | Wells | N | S- Several inches of rain in the past few days | 1,761 |
| 51416 40 | Town of Stuart | South Mayo River | N | B - Waterworks can be removed from this list. | 1,500 |
| 51431 14 | Town of Chatham | Cherrystone Creek | V | B - Town requested voluntary conservation on 8/24/2011. Still in effect, Cherrystone Creek Reservoir has increased in level ~18 inches and near normal spillway | 2,500 |
| 51432 10 | Town of Gretna | Georges Creek Reservoir | N | S - Reservoir full | 2,500 |
| 56904 00 | City of Martinsville | Beaver Creek Reservoir | N | W - Reservoir down ~1.8 foot on 9/13 which is not severe but continuing to drop | 16,000 |
| 60330 85 | Caroline Utility System | Groundwater wells | N | B - Mandatory water use restriction of Emergency Level 4 on 7/21/11 due to high | 3,600 Primary / 6,600 - Total |

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|-------------|----------------------|---|---|---|--|
| | | | | temperatures. Restrictions lifted 9/14/11. (Updated 9/21/11) | |
| 60475 00 | Town of Culpeper | Surface water - Lake Pelham | N | S -As of 9/19, Lake Pelham surface was 4.5 inches above invert of overflow | 14,200 |
| 60595 01 | Fairfax Water | Surface Water - Potomac River and Occoquan Reservoir | N | S | 823,216 - Primary / 1.8M - Total |
| 60616 00 | Town of Warrenton | Surface (Cedar Run) and groundwater | N | B - Warrenton Reservoir surface elevation is 443 ft on 9/21 (1.8 foot increase since last report) vs 445.3 ft full. | 11,225 |
| 61071 50 | Town of Hamilton | Groundwater | N | B - Waterworks can be removed from this list. | 2,000 |
| 61073 00 | Town of Leesburg | Surface Water - Potomac River | N | S - Potomac River flow is sufficient - 4,490 CFS | 46,300 |
| 61076 00 | Town of Purcellville | Surface water/groundwater | N | B - Reservoir Full | 6,300 |
| 61076 50 | Town of Round Hill | Groundwater | V | S - No Source Problems | 3,156 |
| 61375 00 | Town of Orange | Surface: Rapidan River | N | S - 14-day running average of flow is 795 cfs. | 4,500 |
| 61379 99 | Wilderness | Surface - Rapidan River | N | S - Sufficient flowrate | 11,681 |
| 66001 00 | City of Fairfax | Surface Water | N | B - Sufficient flow in Goose Creek | 24,000 |

APPENDIX G

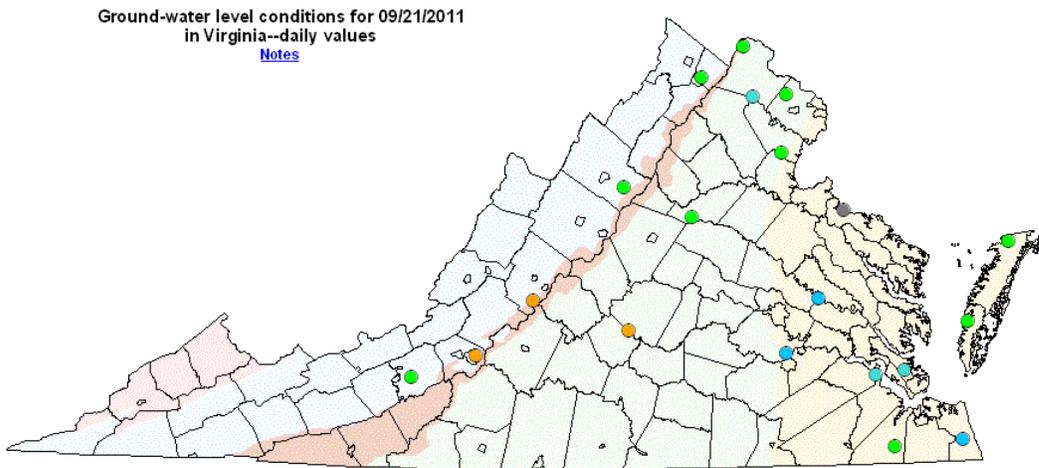
USGS Streamflow Conditions for September 21, 2011



Streamflow conditions in Virginia for September 21, 2011

APPENDIX H

Groundwater Level Conditions September 21, 2011



| Explanation - Percentile classes (symbol color based on most recent daily value.) | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|------|--------------|--------|--------------|-------------------|-----|----------|------------|--|
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| New Low | <5 | 5-10 | 10-24 | 25-75 | 76-90 | 90-95 | >95 | New High | Not Ranked | |
| | Well Below Normal | | Below Normal | Normal | Above Normal | Well Above Normal | | | | |

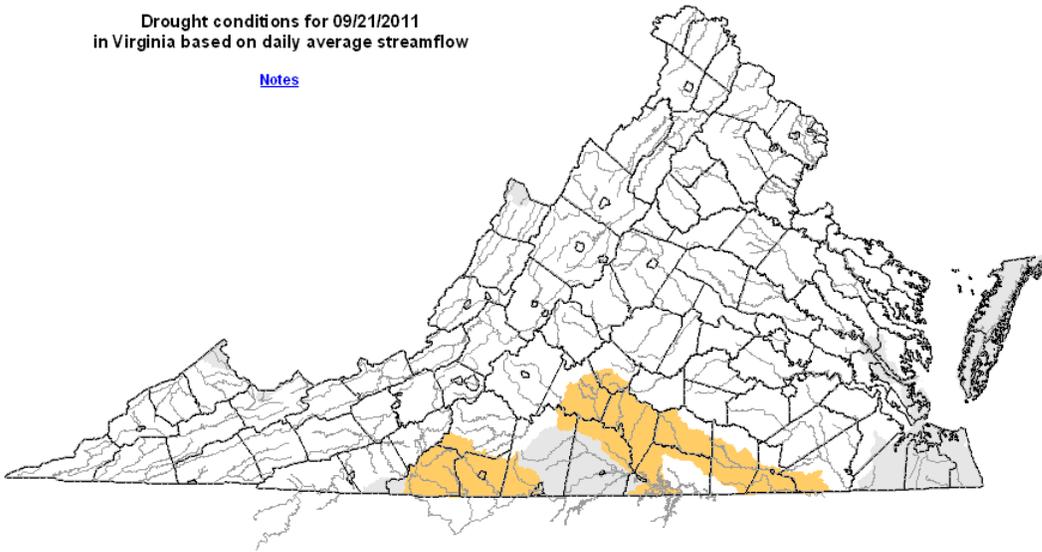
Groundwater-level conditions in Virginia for September, 2011

APPENDIX I

Drought Conditions Based on Daily Average Streamflow September 21, 2011

Drought conditions for 09/21/2011
in Virginia based on daily average streamflow

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Drought conditions for September 21, 2011 in Virginia.