

### Virginia Water Withdrawal Reporting Regulation

The Virginia Water Withdrawal Regulation (9VAC25-200, et seq.) requires reporting by every user withdrawing groundwater or surface water with an average daily withdrawal exceeding 10,000 gallons per day during any single month, except for irrigation of crops.

Crop irrigation reporting applies to withdrawals exceeding one million gallons in any single month. Crop irrigators need not report withdrawals from ponds collecting diffuse surface water unless the ponds are dug ponds that intercept the water table.

DEQ collects Water Withdrawal Reports in January of each year for the preceding calendar year. Electronic reporting is available and encouraged. Water users exempted from the regulation are encouraged to report their water withdrawals voluntarily.

Successful water resource management integrates the interests of users, local and regional planners, and state managers tasked with meeting the growing future water needs of the citizens of the Commonwealth while preserving the integrity of our diverse water resources.

### Reporting your water withdrawal is important!

Knowledge of your withdrawal history is as important as the use type or changes in land use patterns. Reported withdrawals are an integral part of the analysis DEQ does to maintain the long-term productivity and availability of our water resources to meet the needs of all beneficial uses. When your withdrawals are reported, DEQ is able to consider your water needs in this analysis.

Calculating and reporting your annual water withdrawals may also help you plan for future need in terms of growth or expansion. Analysis of withdrawals can also provide insight into how effective water conservation has been in the past, and might be in the future.

Reporting water withdrawal information provides the Commonwealth with a more accurate understanding of the full water budget (an accounting of the inflow, outflow, and storage changes of water in a system) in our watersheds, an important tool for local planners evaluating and balancing current demand versus future need.

Water withdrawal reporting also establishes use trends that aid in drought response planning. A portion of your

### REPORT YOUR WATER WITHDRAWAL AS REQUIRED BY 9VAC25-200, et seq.

Or participate voluntarily if you do not meet the requirements for reporting – be part of the planning process. Invest in your future.

Your water withdrawal information is valuable – it is shared with local and regional planners responsible for creating water supply plans for your community and provides information needed for better management of our water resources.

Your water withdrawal information is compiled into an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly. Understanding current water demand as it relates to future need enables Virginia legislators to craft pertinent and applicable laws that protect all beneficial uses of our limited water resources.

For additional information on the water supply planning program and the annual water withdrawal reporting requirements, visit <http://www.deq.virginia.gov>, search for water withdrawal reporting.

QUESTIONS?

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local or regional water supply plan establishes drought indicators and responses to be implemented during dry periods.

Their knowledge of your water withdrawal improves consideration of how indicators affect your business and ensures your needs are understood.

Reporting your water withdrawal increases local, regional, and state planners' understanding of the impacts of all withdrawals from your water source and in your watershed. Competition for this finite resource is increasing. At this time, reporting is used as the starting point for your withdrawal of a specific volume over the long term, enabling planners to consider your established need while managing future growth (i.e. competing withdrawals).

Data pertaining to the type, size, and frequency of water withdrawals is used by DEQ to evaluate the productivity and availability of water resources in the Commonwealth for the benefit of all uses. Historical information available in DEQ databases is used by staff tasked with managing water resources. Our interests are the same – sustainable use of water resources for the benefit of all citizens in the Commonwealth.

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