



Use Authorization Form for Water Quality Data

Name of Group or Organization: _____ **Date:** _____

Name of Submitter: _____ **Role or Title**
(QA officer, leader, etc.) _____

Type(s) of Monitoring Conducted by Organization?

| | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chemical (pH, dissolved oxygen nutrients, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical (Temperature, stream flow, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Biological (Macroinvertebrate, E. coli, etc.) |
|--|--|--|

Type of Organization

| | | | |
|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen Volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> State Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business or Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> College or University | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Name): _____ | |

On behalf of the group identified above, we agree that the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) may use water quality monitoring data we generate per our selection(s) below. Our choice(s) will remain in effect unless or until our organization submits changes in the future.

Options for Uses of Your Data (may select more than one)

- 1. List and delist impaired waters on the 303(d) Impaired Waters List**
Data recognized by DEQ as Level III can be used to list or delist water on the 303(d) impaired waters list. We understand that 303(d) listed waters do not meet minimum water quality standards in Virginia and a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) may eventually be developed to improve water quality.
- 2. Source identification for TMDL development for waters already listed as impaired**
Level III data can be used in conjunction with DEQ monitored data to identify sources of pollution for 303(d) listed waters for TMDL development. We understand that our data will not be used by itself, without water quality data collected by DEQ, wherever possible.
- 3. Track progress of a TMDL Implementation Plan and other restoration**
Level II or III data can be used to track the progress of restoration in a TMDL waterbody including installed Best Management Practices or to identify areas where other restoration efforts are taking place.
- 4. Identify waters for future DEQ monitoring**
Level II or III data can be used to identify a waterbody for follow-up monitoring by DEQ. We understand that DEQ may not be able to monitor at these locations and/or assess water quality for some period of time.
- 5. Educate land owners on the water quality impacts of land use activities**
All levels of data can be used to help in educating the community about water quality and land use activities.

Signature (if submitting by mail or fax): _____

| | | |
|--|---|---|
| Mail: VA DEQ James Beckley (11 th floor) P. O. Box 1105 Richmond, VA. 23218 | Fax: James Beckley VA DEQ (804) 698-4032 | E-mail: jebeckley@deq.virginia.gov |
|--|---|---|