

**MARCH 2001 REVISIONS**  
**For**  
**Virginia Water Quality Assessment Report - August 2000**

These revisions to the August 2000 *Virginia Water Quality Assessment Report* are being published for two reasons. First, information has been added to describe the two assessment methods used to evaluate the water quality data, and to clearly present the results of those assessments in the Executive Summary. Second, inaccuracies in the presentation of the results from the fish tissue contamination program have been corrected.

This revision document will be inserted in copies of the 2000 Water Quality Report which are distributed in the future. It will also be sent to persons who previously received a copy of the Report. Finally, the revised 2000 Report, containing the changes in these revisions, is available at the DEQ web site: [www.deq.state.va.us/water/reports.html](http://www.deq.state.va.us/water/reports.html)

The following three sections are contained in this document:

**1. PART I EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*Replaces the Executive Summary contained in the 2000 Water Quality Report*

The new Executive Summary describes the two assessment methods used in this Report and presents the results in summary tables for three types of water bodies: rivers and streams; tidal estuaries; and lakes and reservoirs.

**2. PART II STATE BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Chapter 2.5 Public Health/Aquatic Life Concerns

*Replaces the Fish Tissue Consumption section found on Page 2.5-4 of the 2000 Water Quality Report*

The new Fish Tissue Contamination section summarizes the findings and special follow-up studies and actions for several chemical contaminants that were measured in fish tissue during the five-year study period. This section in the August 2000 Report contained outdated and incorrect information about lead contamination in fish in the Commonwealth.

**3. PART V APPENDIX B**

*Replaces Appendix B - Percent Method found on Page 5.2-1 of the 2000 Water Quality Report*

The new Appendix B contains corrected data from the fish tissue and sediment monitoring programs. This section in the August 2000 Report contained numerous incorrect station identification numbers, sample types, and missing or incorrect station classifications or supplemental comments.