

This is a notice for the first meeting of the Water Quality Monitoring & Research Workgroup, which is tasked with developing recommendations related to a monitoring and research program aimed at better understanding water quality patterns and impacts related to salt application in Northern Virginia as part of the development of the Salt Management Strategy (SaMS). A chloride TMDL has been developed for the Accotink Creek watershed located in Fairfax County. Additionally, water quality patterns throughout the Northern Virginia region show that the chloride pollution issues observed in the Accotink Creek watershed are not isolated to that watershed, but instead widespread throughout the region. Therefore, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) in partnership with a broad coalition of stakeholders that make up the SaMS Stakeholder Advisory Committee have begun the development of a comprehensive strategy that aims to provide recommendations for more efficient and effective use of salts during winter weather management.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the purpose and scope of the workgroup, begin initial recommendations development, and discuss workgroup communications and decision making.

If you have any questions regarding the Water Quality Monitoring & Research Workgroup, this meeting, or the SaMS, please contact Will Isenberg via phone, email, or conventional mail using the information listed at the bottom of this notice. All materials related to this project will be posted on the DEQ website at: <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/SaMS/MeetingMaterials.aspx>

**The first Water Quality Monitoring & Research Workgroup meeting will be held:**

**Thursday November 8, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**  
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