

**EXCERPT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATE WATER CONTROL BOARD
AT ITS MEETING ON JANUARY 14, 2016**

MINUTE 3 — Water Quality Standards Triennial Review

Mr. John Kennedy, Director of the Office of Ecology, made a presentation to the Board pertaining to the mandatory Triennial Review of Virginia's Water Quality Standards (9 VAC 25-260). Mr. Kennedy summarized the proposed amendments and reviewed the key public comments and agency response to those comments. All of the public comments and agency responses were presented in the Board memo. The Board was provided with a summary of the proposed amendments to the Water Quality Standards approved to go to public hearing, and the changes made based on public comment, additional staff review, and new information received from EPA.

Oral comment was presented to the Board by Mr. Dick Sedgley, an attorney representing the Virginia Association of Municipal Wastewater Agencies (VAMWA). He commended DEQ on the fashion in which the rulemaking was handled and appreciated the technically skilled and helpful staff. He said VAMWA also appreciated the staff recommendation to not adopt new, more stringent ammonia criteria at this time to allow for additional investigation into implementation issues.

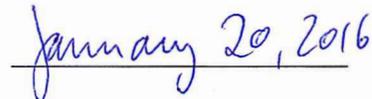
Decision:

Based upon the information provided to the Board and the staff recommendation, the Board by a unanimous vote approved the following actions:

1. Not adopt proposed amendments to the following eight human health criteria in 9VAC25-260-140: Nitrobenzene, Cyanide, Carbon Tetrachloride, Hexachloroethane, Methylene Chloride, Pentachlorophenol, Tetrachloroethylene, Trichloroethylene;
2. Not adopt proposed amendments to the freshwater aquatic life criteria in 9VAC25-260-140 for cadmium.
3. Not adopt proposed amendments to the freshwater ammonia criteria at 9VAC 25-260-155;
4. Not adopt proposed amendments that would change the following waters and their tributaries from Class III to Class VII: Lodge Creek, Thompson Branch, Mason Mill Swamp, Sullens and Mehixen Creeks;
5. Adopt all other amendments to the Water Quality Standards at 9 VAC 25-260 as presented in Attachment 4 to the Board meeting memorandum.



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Division of Water Planning



Date