



# Land Protection & Revitalization

## Division Updates – May 25, 2023

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# Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant

- EPA funding for states to improve post-consumer materials management programs
- Funding possibilities for DEQ:
  - Update statewide solid waste management plan
  - Improve data collection
  - Implement plans to advance post-consumer materials management



# Solid Waste Management Regulations – CCR Rule



Photo of Dominion Chesterfield, Richmond Times-Dispatch

- DEQ has requesting funding/Grant from EPA and preparing a workplan for developing & implementation of a EPA approved state CCR program.
- Future amendment to incorporate latest version of federal Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Rule
- Applies to CCR landfills and surface impoundments

# Expanded Polystyrene Public Information Campaigns



- Funding for campaigns to discourage expanded polystyrene products and promote alternatives
- Localities applying for non-competitive litter grant can opt to receive additional funding to implement this campaign
- HB30 - Polystyrene ban for restaurants and food vendors delayed (starts in 2028 for some and 2030 for all)
- Conduct a Recycling Economic and Environmental Impact Assessment
- <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/land-waste/litter-prevention/foam-free-resources>

# HB30 - Recycling Economic and Environmental Impact Assessment Report status

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- DEQ is working on the draft report
- Reached out to localities and recycling facilities in VA
- Final Report due by October 1, 2023

# Hazardous Waste Regulations Annual Update 2022: Adding Aerosol Cans as Universal Waste

## VA's Universal Wastes

- Mercury-Containing Equipment
- Pesticides
- Batteries
- Lamps
- Aerosol Cans\*
- Status: Effective January 18<sup>th</sup>

- Allows puncturing of cans prior to recycling
  - Puncture & Draining activities in a device designed to safely puncture and contain residuals and any emissions
  - Manage residual contents accordingly
  - Recycle cans as scrap metal
  - Activities exempt from RCRA treatment permitting requirements

# Waste Programs Regulatory Activity

## Solid Waste Management Regulations, 9VAC20-81

- Amend 9 – Final
  - Updates to landfill siting, monitoring (gas & GW), and operation
  - Open burning limits
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- Status:
    - Undergoing Review

## Regulated Medical Waste Regulations, 9VAC20-121

- Amend 3 – Final
  - Recodification
  - Incorporates federal standards for Category A Waste
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- Status:
    - Effective March 15, 2023

# Upcoming Regulatory Periodic Review

- Solid Waste Planning and Recycling Regulations (9 VAC 20-130)
- Notice will be published on June 5th and the comment period will run June 5th through 26th

## Grants/Reports

- June 30<sup>th</sup> – FY2024 non-competitive & competitive litter grant applications from localities
- June 30<sup>th</sup> - CY2022 Annual Solid Waste Report
- <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/land-waste/solid-hazardous-waste/solid-waste/solid-waste-information-assessment>
- October 31<sup>st</sup> - CY2022 State-wide Recycling Rate Report

# QUESTIONS?