

## FACT SHEET

### DEQ 101 – Who We Are & What We Do

#### **What is the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)?**

DEQ is the primary environmental permitting agency in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and we are responsible for administering laws and regulations related to air quality, water quality, water supply, renewable energy and land protection.



**DEQ's Mission** is to protect and enhance the environment of Virginia in order to promote the health and well-being of the Commonwealth's citizens, residents, and visitors in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.



**DEQ's Vision** is that all Virginians enjoy cleaner water, better air quality, and the productive reuse of land that was once contaminated.

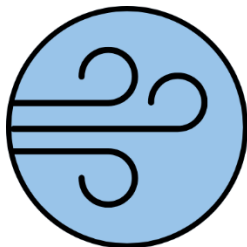
#### **Who are we?**

We are over 800 professionals who apply science and law to protect and enhance Virginia's environment in our Air, Water, and Land Programs, as well as other programs that affect all media and support the work of our colleagues.



#### **What do we do?**

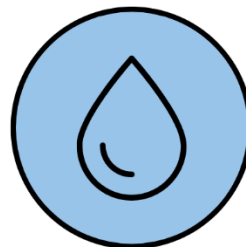
Within our cross-media programs, we engage in a variety of interconnected functions. For instance, environmental monitoring data informs our planning processes. Additionally, both monitoring and planning data are utilized when modeling the potential impacts of proposed permits.



**Air**



**Land & Waste**



**Water**



**And More!**

**Air Quality  
Monitoring &  
Assessment**

**Air Quality Planning**

**Greenhouses Gases**

**Renewable Energy**

**Vehicle Emissions  
(Air Check)**

**Recycling**

**Litter Prevention**

**Land Remediation**

**Petroleum Tanks**

**Solid & Hazardous  
Waste**

**Stormwater**

**Wastewater**

**Water Quality**

**Water Quantity**

**Chesapeake Bay**

**Wetlands & Streams**

**Land Application &  
Beneficial Reuse**

**Clean Water  
Financing**

**Policy**

**Enforcement**

**Communications**

**Pollution Response**

**Environmental  
Impact Review**

**Coastal Zone  
Management**

**Environmental  
Justice**

## What kinds of funding programs does DEQ administer?

- Virginia Petroleum Storage Tank Fund
- Citizen Water Monitoring Grants
- Clean Water Financing
- Litter Prevention Grants
- Climate Pollution Reduction Grant
- Coastal Zone Management Funding
- Watershed Cleanup (319b) Funding
- Stormwater Local Assistance Fund

## How can I get involved?

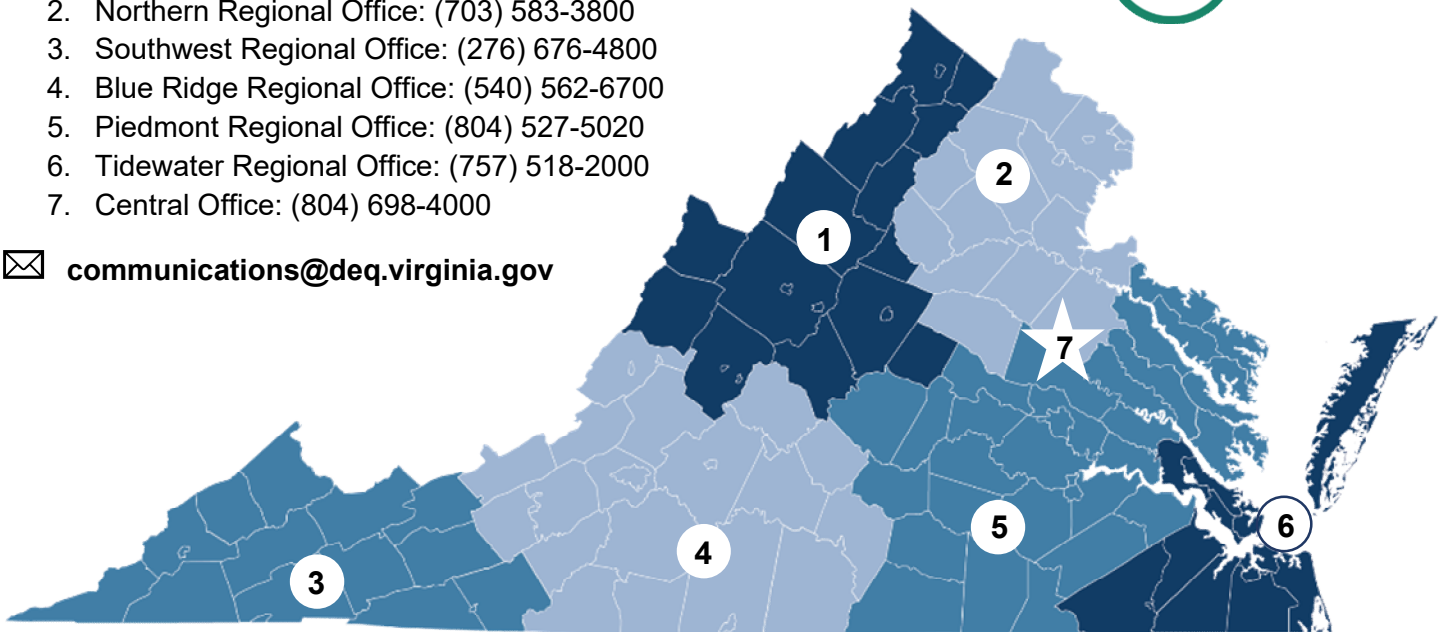
- **Volunteer** to monitor [water quality](#) or [request an air quality sensor](#)
- Submit [public comments](#) on issues that concern or interest you
- Work with a locality or organization to **apply for grants or loans**
- [Report pollution incidents](#) when you observe them (always call 911 in an emergency)
- **Learn** more through our recorded & upcoming [education series webinars](#)
- **Follow us** on [Facebook](#), [X](#) (Twitter), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [YouTube](#)
- Sign up for [DEQ News & Alerts](#)
- [Apply for a job](#) at DEQ



## Who can I contact if I have more questions?

1. Valley Regional Office: (540) 574-7800
2. Northern Regional Office: (703) 583-3800
3. Southwest Regional Office: (276) 676-4800
4. Blue Ridge Regional Office: (540) 562-6700
5. Piedmont Regional Office: (804) 527-5020
6. Tidewater Regional Office: (757) 518-2000
7. Central Office: (804) 698-4000

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SCAN QR code for more  
information on DEQ's  
Education Series



# Resources and Links for DEQ 101

## General DEQ Links

[Virginia Department of Environmental Quality](#)

[myDEQ Portal](#)

[Virginia Permit Transparency \(VPT\) and Permitting Enhancement and Evaluation Platform \(PEEP\)](#)

### Air Quality:

- [Current Air Quality and Forecast](#)
- [Ambient Air Quality Monitoring webinar recording](#)
- [Air Quality State Implementation Plan](#)

### Water Quality:

- [Water Quality Monitoring and Protection webinar recording](#)
- [Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report](#)

### Virginia Ocean Planning:

- [Virginia Ocean Planning](#)
- [To register for September 5 Ocean Planning virtual forum](#)

### Pollution Response:

- [PREP Pollution Data and Reporting](#) OR call one of DEQ's offices
- **Emergencies:** If you observe a significant pollution incident that presents an imminent threat to human health or the environment, report the pollution incident to your local 911 and to the Virginia Emergency Operations Center at 1-800-468-8892. Do not use the online reporting tool.

[Enforcement Case Documents](#)

[Poultry Waste Management Requirements](#)

[Virginia Brownfields page with link to dashboard](#)

## DEQ Education Series

[DEQ Education Series](#)

[Education Series Survey](#)



[DEQ 101 evaluation form](#)

[To register for DEQ Electronic Resources and Tools webinar on October 22](#)

[To register for the P2 Webinar on December 10](#)

### **General Links**

[Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources](#)

[Commonwealth of Virginia jobs](#)

[Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation \(DCR\) – Environmental Education](#)