

Data Use Authorization Form

Name of group or organization:		Date:	
Name of Submitter:		Role or title: (QA Officer, leader, etc.)	
Type(s) of monitoring conducted by organization	<input type="checkbox"/> Chemical (pH, dissolved oxygen nutrients, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical (Temperature, stream flow, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Biological (Macroinvertebrate, E. coli, etc.)
Type of Data Submittal:	<input type="checkbox"/> Via Chesapeake Monitoring Cooperative	<input type="checkbox"/> Via Virginia Data Explorer	<input type="checkbox"/> Direct to DEQ (Level I data only)
Organization type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> State Agency
	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Business or Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> College or University
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Name):		

Information about each of the three levels of volunteer data is available in the RFA. You may select more than one.

- ☐ 1. (DEQ Level III) List and delist impaired waters on the 303(d) Impaired Waters List and assess water quality
Data recognized by DEQ as Level III can be used to list or delist water on the 303(d) impaired waters list. We understand that 303(d) listed waters do not meet minimum water quality standards in Virginia and a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) may eventually be developed to improve water quality. Water quality data can be used to assess overall water quality as part of 305(b) water quality assessment report developed by DEQ every two years.
- ☐ 2. (DEQ Level III) Source identification for TMDL development for waters already listed as impaired
Level III data can be used in conjunction with DEQ monitored data to identify sources of pollution for 303(d) listed waters for TMDL development. We understand that our data will not be used by itself, without water quality data collected by DEQ, wherever possible.
- ☐ 3. (DEQ Level II or III) Track progress of a TMDL Implementation Plan and other restoration

Level II or III data can be used to track the progress of restoration in a TMDL waterbody including installed Best Management Practices or to identify areas where other restoration efforts are taking place.

- ☐ 4. (DEQ Level II or III) Identify waters for future DEQ monitoring
Level II or III data can be used to identify a waterbody for follow-up monitoring by DEQ. We understand that DEQ may not be able to monitor at these locations and/or assess water quality for some period of time.
- ☐ 5. (DEQ Level I, II, or III) Provide education and information on water quality monitoring and water quality issues
All levels of data can be used to help in educating the community about water quality.

On behalf of the group identified above, we agree that the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) may use water quality monitoring data we generate per our selection(s), above. Our choice(s) will remain in effect unless, or until our organization submits changes in the future.

Signature:

- ☐ By checking this box, and typing my name on the signature line, I authorize the use of the data as specified, and serves as my digital signature.

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