



Commonwealth of Virginia

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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Responsible Party Address:	Other Address:
Mr. A B Jones Jr., President A.B. Jones, Jr., Inc. 4138 Halifax Rd. South Boston, VA 24592 Via email: albert@abjonesjr.com	
Other Address:	Other Address:

**PROPOSED CONSENT ORDER AND
NOTICE OF INFORMAL FACT FINDING PROCEEDING**

RE:

Responsible Party(ies)	A.B. Jones, Jr. Inc.
Facility Name	Land Disturbance on Parcels PRN 30600 & 27870
Registration/ Permit No.	Unpermitted

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ") issued Notice(s) of Violation (the "NOV(s)") on the following date(s) to the Responsible Party(ies) identified above for alleged violations observed at the facility identified above.

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NOV Date(s)	April 10, 2025
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The Responsible Party(ies) may resolve this matter quickly by entering into the enclosed Consent Order with DEQ within forty-five days from the date of this letter. If DEQ does not receive the signed Consent Order by that date, DEQ will proceed with conducting an Informal Fact Finding Proceeding as explained in Section II below.

I. PROPOSED CONSENT ORDER

DEQ wishes to resolve the alleged violations in the NOV by entering into a Consent Order with the Responsible Party(ies). DEQ's proposed Consent Order is enclosed for your review. The proposed Consent Order includes:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A civil charge in the amount of <u>\$15,844.75</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Injunctive relief (corrective actions) in Appendix A.

DEQ may reduce the civil charge listed above if you demonstrate inability to pay the proposed amount through submittal of a complete Ability to Pay Application. The Ability to Pay Application includes tax documentation and information regarding assets and liabilities. Please contact the Enforcement Specialist listed below within ten days from the date of this letter to request an Ability to Pay Application. DEQ will assume that you are able to pay the proposed civil charge unless you make a timely request for an Ability to Pay Application and submit a complete application in accordance with the schedule and directions provided.

If you agree with the terms of the proposed Consent Order, please sign and date the Consent Order and send it within forty-five days from the date of this letter to:

Enforcement Specialist	Carla Pool
Address	Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Central Office 1111 East Main St., Suite 1400 Richmond, VA 23219
Email	Carla.Pool@deq.virginia.gov

The order is subject to public notice and comment before it becomes final. A copy of the fully executed order will be returned to you for implementation upon signature on behalf of DEQ.

II. NOTICE OF INFORMAL FACT FINDING PROCEEDING

You are hereby notified that if DEQ does not receive the signed Consent Order within forty-five days from the date of this letter, an Informal Fact Finding Proceeding will be held via conference call at the

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date and time listed below. At the scheduled time, dial the Call-In Number listed below, and enter the Access Code listed below when requested.

Proceeding Date	August 27, 2025	Proceeding Time	1:00 PM
Call-In No.	434-230-0065	Access Code	952656111#

If you have any difficulty accessing the conference call, please call:

Agency Advocate	Carla Pool
Phone No.	804-664-3666

The Informal Fact Finding Proceeding will be conducted pursuant to Va. Code §§ 2.2-4019 and 10.1-1186 to determine whether the Responsible Party(ies) violated the Virginia Code and Regulations as listed in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in Section C of the enclosed Consent Order. The Informal Fact Finding Proceeding will also determine the appropriateness of a civil penalty and/or injunctive relief.

DEQ staff will request a Special Order requiring the Responsible Party(ies) to:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pay the maximum civil penalty authorized by law, and pay attorneys' fees of 30% of the amount outstanding should DEQ have to refer collection of the civil penalty to the Department of Law
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Comply with the Virginia Code and Regulations by completing the corrective actions listed in Appendix A of the enclosed proposed Consent Order.

To ascertain the facts in this matter, DEQ staff may rely upon DEQ's inspection report(s) for the Facility, the NOV(s), any registration statement and permit for the Facility, other public documents in DEQ files, and the information presented by witnesses. DEQ staff will also rely on applicable statutes, regulations, and DEQ guidance. Full texts of statutes, regulations, and DEQ guidance can be obtained at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/LawsRegulations.aspx> or <http://lis.virginia.gov/> (statutes and regulations) and <http://townhall.virginia.gov/L/GDocs.cfm> (DEQ guidance). Copies will be provided upon request.

You may participate in the conference call yourself or by counsel or other qualified representative pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-4019. At this proceeding, the Responsible Party(ies) will be able to present factual data, argument, or proof in connection with this case. A Presiding Officer will hear the evidence in this case and will prepare an independent Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and a draft Special Order for the Director's review. Then the Director may issue a Special Order under Va. Code § 10.1-1186, which may include both injunctive relief and a civil penalty.

Be advised that if you fail to attend or appear without good cause to an informal fact-finding proceeding conducted pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-4019, the Presiding Officer may issue a default order regarding the subject of this notice. If a default order is issued, the Presiding Officer may conduct all further proceedings necessary to complete the adjudication and shall determine all issues in the adjudication, including those affecting you. Further, an order may be issued against you based on any admissions or other evidence without notice to you.

You will be notified of the results of the proceeding in accordance with Va. Code § 2.2-4019 and have the right to appeal any adverse decision in accordance with Va. Code § 2.2-4026.

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If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact the following DEQ staff who will represent DEQ at this proceeding. Please contact the Agency Advocate listed below at least ten days before the Proceeding Date to request accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, translation services in a language other than English, or other reasonable accommodations to facilitate your meaningful participation in the proceeding.

Agency Advocate	Carla Pool
Phone No.	804-664-3666
Email	Carla.Pool@deq.virginia.gov

Sincerely,

Kristen Sadtler <small>Digitally signed by: Kristen Sadtler Date: 2025.06.27 09:37:00 -04'00'</small>

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Enclosure



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**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
ENFORCEMENT ACTION - ORDER by CONSENT**

ISSUED to

FOR

UNPERMITTED

SECTION A: Purpose

This is a Consent Order issued under the authority of Va. Code §§ 62.1-44.15, 62.1-44.15:25, 62.1-44.15:48, and 62.1-44.32 for the purpose of resolving certain violations of the State Water Control Law and regulations.

SECTION B: Definitions

Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the terms used in this Consent Order have the meanings assigned to them in Va. Code § 62.1-44.2 *et seq.*, § 62.1-44.15:24 *et seq.*, § 10.1-1182 *et seq.*, 9VAC25-880-1 *et seq.*, and 9VAC25-875-10 *et seq.*

SECTION C: Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

Responsible Party			Receiving Water Information		
Site Address	Street Address/Coordinates				
	City/County		VA	Zip Code	
Inspection Date(s)			Warning Letter(s) and Notice(s) of Violation		
The Responsible Party is a “person” within the meaning of Va. Code § 62.1-44.3.					
Responsible Party has not obtained coverage under the General Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit for Discharges of Stormwater From Construction Activities for discharges from the Site.					
Va. Code § 62.1-44.5 and 9VAC25-880-70 state that except in compliance with a certificate issued by the Department it shall be unlawful for any person to discharge stormwater into state waters from land disturbing or construction activities.					
Va. Code § 62.1-44.15(5a) states that a VPDES permit is a “certificate” under the statute.					
The receiving water is a surface water located wholly or partially within the Commonwealth and is a “state water” under State Water Control Law.					

Violation	Observations and Legal Requirements ¹	Civil Charge		Subtotal
	1. Land-disturbing activities greater than one acre or part of a common plan of development or sale that will disturb one or more acres have occurred at the Site in an area subject to stormwater runoff. Responsible Party (RP) has not obtained coverage under the Permit and no other certificate, agreement in lieu, or permit was issued for the discharge of stormwater from construction activities at the Site. Va. Code §62.1-44.15:34(A); Va. Code §62.1-44.5(A)	# of Occurrences		
	2. Unpermitted discharge to state waters or discharge to state waters not in compliance with a permit. Va. Code §62.1-44.5(A); 9 VAC 25-875-870(A)	# of Occurrences		
	3. The Responsible Party failed to report or timely report unpermitted discharge to state waters. Va. Code §62.1-44.5(B); 9 VAC 25-875-870(B)	# of Occurrences		
	4. The Responsible Party failed to develop a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). 9VAC25-875-500	# of Occurrences		
	5. The Responsible Party's SWPPP was incomplete. _____ No approved stormwater management plan 9 VAC 25-875-500(A) and (C) _____ No pollution prevention plan and/or plan not complete 9 VAC 25-875-500(A) and (D); 9 VAC 25-875-520	# of Occurrences		
	6. The Responsible Party does not have an approved an erosion and sediment control plan or agreement in lieu of a plan for the Site. Va. Code §62.1-44.15.55; 9 VAC 25-875-500(A) and (B)	# of Occurrences		
	7. A SWPPP or SWPPP component was not available to the Department upon the request of DEQ staff and/or if an on-site location was unavailable to store the SWPPP when no personnel were present, notice of the SWPPP's location was not posted near the main entrance. 9 VAC 25-875-500(A) and (G)	# of Occurrences		
	8. Responsible Party failed to properly install and/or maintain control measures. _____ Soil stabilization not applied within seven days to denuded areas at final grade or that will remain dormant longer than 14 days. 9 VAC 25-875-560(1); 9 VAC 25-875-500(B); 9 VAC25-875-550(A) _____ Functional sediment trapping controls were not in place in areas where upslope land disturbance had occurred. 9 VAC 25-875-560(4); 9 VAC 25-875-500(B); 9 VAC25-875-550(A)	# of Occurrences # of Occurrences		

¹ Chapters 758 and 68 of the 2016 Acts of Assembly combined the Stormwater Management Act and Erosion and Sediment Control Law to create the Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Act and the regulations were combined into the Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Regulations. Prior to July 1, 2024, the regulatory citations were located at 9VAC25-870-10 et seq. and 9VAC25-840-10 et seq.

Violation Component Civil Charge Subtotal		
Aggravating Factors		
	Additional Civil Charge Assessment	Subtotal
Degree of Culpability		
Consent Order in another media program within 36 months		
Consent Order in the same media program within 36 months		
Aggravating Factors Subtotal		
Civil Charge Subtotal and Aggravating Factor Subtotal		
Cooperativeness and Quick Settlement		
Economic Benefit of Noncompliance		
In accordance with 62.1-44.15(8e), the Responsible Party's Ability to Pay was evaluated and it was determined that there is an ability to pay.		
Total Civil Charge		
Based on the results of staff observations and discussions with the Responsible Party, the Department concludes that the Responsible Party has violated the Va. Code, Regulations and/or Permit as identified herein.		

SECTION D: Agreement and Order

Accordingly, by virtue of the authority granted it in Va. Code §§ 62.1-44.15, 62.1-44.15:25, 62.1-44.15:48, and 62.1-44.32, the Department orders the Responsible Party, and the Responsible Party agrees to:

☐ Perform the actions described in Appendix A of this Consent Order if this box is checked and
 Pay the total civil charge of in settlement of the violations cited in this Consent Order in accordance with the following:

☐ Within 30 days of the effective date of the Consent Order, or

☐ In accordance with the following payment schedule:

Due Date	Amount

If the Department fails to receive a civil charge payment pursuant to the schedule described above, the payment shall be deemed late. If any payment is late by 30 days or more, the entire remaining balance of the civil charge shall become

immediately due and owing under this Consent Order, and the Department may demand in writing full payment by the Permittee. Within 15 days of receipt of such letter, Permittee shall pay the remaining balance of the civil charge. Any acceptance by the Department of a late payment or of any payment of less than the remaining balance shall not act as a waiver of the acceleration of the remaining balance under this Consent Order.

Payment shall be made by either credit card at www.deq.virginia.gov, or check, certified check, money order or cashier's check payable to the "Treasurer of Virginia," and delivered to:

Receipts Control
Department of Environmental Quality
Post Office Box 1104
Richmond, VA 23218

The Responsible Party shall include its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN), if applicable, with the civil charge payment and shall indicate that the payment is being made in accordance with the requirements of this Consent Order for deposit into the Virginia Stormwater Local Assistance Fund. If the Department has to refer collection of moneys due under this Consent Order to the Department of Law, Responsible Party shall be liable for attorneys' fees of 30% of the amount outstanding.

SECTION E: Administrative Provisions

1. The Department may modify, rewrite, or amend this Consent Order with the consent of the Responsible Party for good cause shown by the Responsible Party, or on its own motion pursuant to the Administrative Process Act, Va. Code § 2.2-4000 *et seq.*, after notice and opportunity to be heard.
2. This Consent Order addresses and resolves only those violations specifically identified in Section C of this Consent Order. This Consent Order shall not preclude the Department or the Director from taking any action authorized by law, including but not limited to: (1) taking any action authorized by law regarding any additional, subsequent, or subsequently discovered violations; (2) seeking subsequent remediation of the facility; or (3) taking subsequent action to enforce the Consent Order.
3. For purposes of this Consent Order and subsequent actions with respect to this Consent Order only, the Responsible Party admits the jurisdictional allegations, and agrees not to contest, but neither admits nor denies, the findings of fact and conclusions of law in this Consent Order.
4. The Responsible Party consents to venue in the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond for any civil action taken to enforce the terms of this Consent Order.
5. The Responsible Party declares it has received fair and due process under the Administrative Process Act and the State Water Control Law and it waives the right to any hearing or other administrative proceeding authorized or required by law or regulation, and to any judicial review of any issue of fact or law contained herein. Nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of the right to any administrative proceeding for, or to judicial review of, any action taken by the Department to modify, rewrite, amend, or enforce this Consent Order.
6. Failure by the Responsible Party to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Order shall constitute a violation of an order of the Department. Nothing herein shall waive the initiation of appropriate enforcement actions or the issuance of additional orders as appropriate by the Department or the Director as a result of such violations. Nothing herein shall affect appropriate enforcement actions by any other federal, state, or local regulatory authority.
7. If any provision of this Consent Order is found to be unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of the Consent Order shall remain in full force and effect.

8. The Responsible Party shall be responsible for failure to comply with any of the terms and conditions of this Consent Order unless compliance is made impossible by earthquake, flood, other acts of God, war, strike, or such other unforeseeable circumstances beyond its control and not due to a lack of good faith or diligence on its part. The Responsible Party shall demonstrate that such circumstances were beyond its control and not due to a lack of good faith or diligence on its part. The Responsible Party shall notify the DEQ Regional Director verbally within 24 hours and in writing within three business days when circumstances are anticipated to occur, are occurring, or have occurred that may delay compliance or cause noncompliance with any requirement of the Consent Order. Such notice shall set forth:

- a. the reasons for the delay or noncompliance;
- b. the projected duration of any such delay or noncompliance;
- c. the measures taken and to be taken to prevent or minimize such delay or noncompliance; and
- d. the timetable by which such measures will be implemented and the date full compliance will be achieved.

Failure to so notify the Regional Director verbally within 24 hours and in writing within three business days, of learning of any condition above, which the parties intend to assert will result in the impossibility of compliance, shall constitute a waiver of any claim to inability to comply with a requirement of this Consent Order.

9. This Consent Order is binding on the parties hereto and any successors in interest, designees and assigns, jointly and severally.

10. This Consent Order shall become effective upon execution by both the Director or his designee and the Responsible Party. Nevertheless, the Responsible Party agrees to be bound by any compliance date which precedes the effective date of this Consent Order.

11. This Consent Order shall continue in effect until:

- a. The Director or his designee terminates the Consent Order after the Responsible Party has completed all of the requirements of the Consent Order;
- b. The Responsible Party petitions the Director or his designee to terminate the Consent Order after it has completed all of the requirements of the Consent Order and the Director or his designee approves the termination of the Consent Order; or
- c. The Director or Department terminates the Consent Order in his or its sole discretion upon 30 days' written notice to Responsible Party.

Termination of this Consent Order, or any obligation imposed in this Consent Order, shall not operate to relieve the Responsible Party from its obligation to comply with any statute, regulation, permit condition, other order, certificate, certification, standard, or requirement otherwise applicable.

12. Any plans, reports, schedules or specifications attached hereto or submitted by the Responsible Party and approved by the Department pursuant to this Consent Order are incorporated into this Consent Order. Any non-compliance with such approved documents shall be considered a violation of this Consent Order.

13. The undersigned representative of the Responsible Party certifies that he or she is a responsible official or officer authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this Consent Order and to execute and legally bind the Responsible Party to this document. Any documents to be submitted pursuant to this Consent Order shall also be submitted by a responsible official of Responsible Party.

14. This Consent Order constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the parties concerning settlement of the violations identified in Section C of this Consent Order, and there are no representations, warranties, covenants, terms or conditions agreed upon between the parties other than those expressed in this Consent Order.

15. By its signature below, the Responsible Party voluntarily agrees to the issuance of this Consent Order.

And it is so ORDERED.

DEQ Signee Signature

Date

DEQ Signee Name

Title

I hereby certify that I am the Responsible Party or duly appointed representative/officer of the Responsible Party.

Responsible Party Signee Signature

Date

Responsible Party Signee Name

Title

APPENDIX A
SCHEDULE OF COMPLIANCE

The Responsible Party shall take the following actions:

Corrective Actions to be Performed	Due Date

DEQ Contact

Unless otherwise specified in this Consent Order, the Responsible Party shall submit all requirements of Appendix A of this Consent Order to: