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Contractors, Developers and Operators

Subject: Increases to VESMP Fees Effective July 1, 2026

You may be aware that Virginia has increased the Erosion and Stormwater Management Program (VESMP) fees for construction activities. I want to summarize the upcoming changes to VESMP fees that may affect the cost of your current or future land-disturbing projects.

The Virginia State Water Control Board adopted amendments to the Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Regulation (9VAC25-875) to better align permit fees with program administration and oversight costs. The updated fee schedule becomes **effective July 1, 2026** (Attached).

### **What is Changing?**

#### **Construction (CGP) Permit Fees**

Permit fees for land disturbance activities associated with the Construction General Permit are increasing. Examples include:

- Small construction activities: from \$290 → \$450
- Large sites (100+ acres): from \$9,600 → \$14,300

#### **Modification or Transfer Fees**

The Fees for modifying or transferring registration statements are generally increasing by 50–60%.

- Example (10–50 acres): \$300 → \$480

#### **Annual VESMP Permit Maintenance Fees**

The fee schedule adopted by the State shows increases to VESMP Permit Maintenance Fees.

- Example (5–10 acres): \$500 → \$800

#### **Annual Inflation Adjustment**

All VESMP fees must be adjusted annually using the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which may result in small yearly increases.

### **What does this mean to you?**

Beginning July 1, 2026, applicants should expect higher costs for:

- New permit coverage
- Permit modifications or transfers
- Annual maintenance fees

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**What is Next?**

We will propose fee increases aligning with the State Fee Schedule for FY 27. We encourage you to factor these increases into your project budgeting and scheduling. Projects submitted on or after the effective date will be subject to the revised fee schedule. If you have questions about the updated fees or how they may apply to your project, don't hesitate to contact our office at 703-792-7070 for assistance. You can also email us at [EMDsubmissions@pwcgov.org](mailto:EMDsubmissions@pwcgov.org).

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