

**TENTATIVE AGENDA - SPECIAL
STATE WATER CONTROL BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2002
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
PIEDMONT REGIONAL OFFICE, 4949-A COX ROAD
GLEN ALLEN, VIRGINIA**

Convene - 9:00 A.M.

I. West Central Regional Office

Westvaco Paper Plant Consent Special Order Amendment Weeks

II. Closed Session

R.G.M. Corporation et al.
Newdunn Associates LLP et al.

III. Formal Hearing Decisions

R.G.M. Corporation et al.
Newdunn Associates LLP et al.

IV. Adjourn

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NOTE: The Board reserves the right to revise this agenda without notice unless prohibited by law. Revisions to the agenda include, but are not limited to, scheduling changes, additions or deletions. Questions arising as to the latest status of the agenda should be directed to Cindy M. Berndt at (804) 698-4378.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AT STATE WATER CONTROL BOARD MEETINGS: The Board encourages public participation in the performance of its duties and responsibilities. To this end, the Board has adopted public participation procedures for regulatory action and for case decisions. These procedures establish the times for the public to provide appropriate comment to the Board for their consideration. In light of these established procedures, the Board accepts public comment on regulatory actions and case decisions, as well as general comments, at Board meetings in accordance with the following:

1. REGULATORY ACTIONS (adoption, amendment or repeal of regulations): For regulatory actions, public participation is governed by the Administrative Process Act and the Board's Public Participation Guidelines. Public comment is accepted during the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action phase (minimum 30-day comment period and one public meeting) and during the Notice of Public Comment Period on Proposed Regulatory Action (minimum 60-day comment period and one public hearing). Notice of these comment periods is announced in the Virginia Register and by mail to those on the Regulatory Development Mailing List. The comments received during the announced public comment periods are summarized for the Board and considered by the Board when making a decision on the regulatory action.

Comments on the regulatory action are not allowed at a Board meeting while a regulatory action is being processed in accordance with the Administrative Process Act. In rare instances the Board may (at a Board meeting) vote to reopen the public comment file on the regulatory action. If this happens, individuals may address the Board for up to 2 minutes on material previously submitted to the Board. Should the Board decide to accept new information on a regulatory action, an additional public comment period will be announced by the Department in order for all interested persons to have an opportunity to participate.

2. CASE DECISIONS (issuance and amendment of permits and consent special orders): The Board also makes case decisions. For case decisions, the Board adopts public participation procedures in the individual regulations which establish the permit programs. As a general rule, public comment is accepted on a draft permit for a period of 30 days. If a public hearing is held, there is a 45-day comment period and one public hearing. If a public hearing is held, a summary of the public comments received is provided to the Board for their consideration when making the final case decision. Public comment is accepted on consent special orders for 30 days.

Comments on pending case decisions at Board meetings are only accepted when the Board is considering final action on the case decision. At that time the Board will allow up to 15 minutes for the applicant/owner to make his complete presentation on the pending decision. The Board will then, in accordance with § 9-6.14:11 C, allow others who participated in the prior proceeding (i.e., those who attended the public hearing or commented during the public comment period) up to 2 minutes to exercise their right to respond to the summary of the prior proceeding presented to the Board. The Board will not accept new information at the meeting. Should the Board decide to accept new information, a public comment period will be announced by the Department in order for all interested persons to have an opportunity to participate.

No public comment is allowed on case decisions when a formal hearing is being held.

3. PUBLIC FORUM: The Board schedules a public forum at each regular meeting to provide an opportunity for citizens to address the Board on matters other than pending regulatory actions or pending case decisions. Anyone wishing to speak to the Board during this time should indicate their desire on the sign-in cards/sheet and limit their presentation to not exceed 2 minutes.

The Board reserves the right to alter the time limitations set forth in this policy without notice and to ensure comments presented at the meeting conform to this policy.

Additional Information: For additional information or questions on the adopted public participation procedures for regulatory actions and pending case decisions, contact Cindy M. Berndt at (804) 698-4378.