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Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Approving authority name	State Water Control Board
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	9 VAC 25-780
Regulation title	Local and Regional Water Supply Planning
Action title	Amend 9 VAC 25-780 to comply with HB522 (2006)
Final agency action date	June 1, 2006
Document preparation date	May 8, 2006

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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

The existing definition for "regional water plan" contained in 9 VAC 25-780-30 is silent on whether a water plan developed by a single town and an adjacent county can be considered a "regional" plan. Regional water plans have six years (November 2, 2011) to comply with the regulation. If developing individual water plans, localities must comply with the regulation within three to five years (November 2, 2008 through November 2, 2010) depending on their population. House Bill 552 (2006) states that the State Water Control Board may not adopt criteria and guidelines for water supply planning that prohibit a town and an adjacent county from developing a regional water plan. The existing definition considers plans developed by all combinations of two or more localities as a regional water plan except a town and an adjacent county.

Statement of final agency action

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Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.

On June 1, 2006, the State Water Control Board adopted amended language to 9 VAC 25-780-30 to state clearly that a town and an adjacent county can develop a regional water plan.

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability, including to what extent the regulatory action will: 1) strengthen or erode the authority and rights of parents in the education, nurturing, and supervision of their children; 2) encourage or discourage economic self-sufficiency, self-pride, and the assumption of responsibility for oneself, one's spouse, and one's children and/or elderly parents; 3) strengthen or erode the marital commitment; and 4) increase or decrease disposable family income.

There is no direct impact on the institution of the family or family stability.