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Periodic Review and Small Business Impact Review Report of Findings

Agency name	Department of General Services
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) Chapter citation(s)	1VAC 30-46
VAC Chapter title(s)	Regulations Governing the Certification of Commercial Environmental Laboratories
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This information is required for executive branch review and the Virginia Registrar of Regulations, pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act (APA), Executive Order 19 (2022) (EO 19), any instructions or procedures issued by the Office of Regulatory Management (ORM) or the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) pursuant to EO 19, the Regulations for Filing and Publishing Agency Regulations (1 VAC 7-10), and the *Form and Style Requirements for the Virginia Register of Regulations and Virginia Administrative Code*.

Acronyms and Definitions

Define all acronyms used in this Report, and any technical terms that are not also defined in the "Definitions" section of the regulation.

DGS – The Department of General Services
DCLS – The Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services

Legal Basis

Identify (1) the promulgating agency, and (2) the state and/or federal legal authority for the regulatory change, including the most relevant citations to the Code of Virginia or Acts of Assembly chapter number(s), if applicable. Your citation must include a specific provision, if any, authorizing the promulgating agency to regulate this specific subject or program, as well as a reference to the agency's overall regulatory authority.

- (1) Promulgating Agency: Department of General Services
- (2) Overall Regulatory Authority: Section [2.2-1102\(A\)\(1\)](#) of the Code of Virginia authorizes DGS to prescribe regulations necessary or incidental to the performance of duties or execution of powers conferred under this chapter.
- (3) Specific Provision: Section [2.2-1105](#) of the Code of Virginia directs DCLS to establish a program to certify environmental laboratories that perform tests, analyses, measurements, or monitoring required pursuant to the Commonwealth's air, waste, and water laws and regulations. This chapter sets out the required standards and the process by which owners of commercial environmental laboratories may obtain certification for their laboratories. Certification is referred to as accreditation in this chapter.

Alternatives to Regulation

Describe any viable alternatives for achieving the purpose of the regulation that were considered as part of the periodic review. Include an explanation of why such alternatives were rejected and why this regulation is the least burdensome alternative available for achieving its purpose.

No alternatives were considered as part of this periodic review.

Public Comment

Summarize all comments received during the public comment period following the publication of the Notice of Periodic Review, and provide the agency's response. Be sure to include all comments submitted: including those received on Town Hall, in a public hearing, or submitted directly to the agency. Indicate if an informal advisory group was formed for purposes of assisting in the periodic review.

Commenter	Comment	Agency response
None	None	N/A

Effectiveness

Pursuant to § 2.2-4017 of the Code of Virginia, indicate whether the regulation meets the criteria set out in the ORM procedures, including why the regulation is (a) necessary for the protection of public health, safety, and welfare, and (b) is clearly written and easily understandable.

The regulation is necessary pursuant to Section [2.2-1105](#) of the Code of Virginia, which directs the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services to establish a program to certify environmental laboratories that perform tests, analyses, measurements, or monitoring required pursuant to the Commonwealth's air, waste, and water laws and regulations. The regulation is written clearly and is easily understandable by outlining the required standards and the process by which owners of commercial environmental laboratories may obtain certification for their laboratories.

Decision

Explain the basis for the promulgating agency's decision (retain the regulation as is without making changes, amend the regulation, or repeal the regulation).

If the result of the periodic review is to retain the regulation as is, complete the ORM Economic Impact form.

After receiving no comments during the public comment period [5/4/2026 – 5/25/2026], DGS proposes to retain these regulations without change and has completed the ORM Economic Impact form.

Small Business Impact

As required by § 2.2-4007.1 E and F of the Code of Virginia, discuss the agency’s consideration of: (1) the continued need for the regulation; (2) the nature of complaints or comments received concerning the regulation; (3) the complexity of the regulation; (4) the extent to which the regulation overlaps, duplicates, or conflicts with federal or state law or regulation; and (5) the length of time since the regulation has been evaluated or the degree to which technology, economic conditions, or other factors have changed in the area affected by the regulation. Also, discuss why the agency’s decision, consistent with applicable law, will minimize the economic impact of regulations on small businesses.

Since there are no changes to the current regulations, DGS has determined that there is no effect on the economic impact of small businesses as currently written that have not previously been documented.
