**Old Dominion Chapter**

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**This is the scenery you will see when you attend the SWANA Virginia Old Dominion Chapter annual conference at Wintergreen on August 6—8**

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**On-line registration at: [http://www.swanava.org/training](http://www.swanava.org/training)**

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**2014 Meetings, Training and Tours**

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**Sponsorship Opportunities Abound at Annual Conference**
Get the best out of the conference experience by sponsoring an event or the golf tournament—details at [www.http://www.swanava.org/](http://www.swanava.org/)

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**Stay Tuned for Tours**
The Old Dominion Chapter is planning tours for 2014, dates to be announced:

- Luck Stone—September 18
- Roanoke Valley Resource Authority—October
DEQ launched an electronic Discharge Monitoring Report (e-DMR) program that now allows you to submit your stormwater DMR data electronically. DEQ hopes that every permittee will sign up for e-DMR access when they receive their general permit coverage, but it is not mandatory at this time. Note that EPA is moving towards making electronic reporting a mandatory requirement nationwide, so this may become a requirement in the future.

There are many benefits to both DEQ and the permittee when e-DMR is utilized for monitoring data submissions:

- Fewer revisions of the data since the e-DMR program automatically flags omissions before the data is submitted;
- Cost savings on postage, copying, and paper;
- No concerns about using the most current DMR form, e-DMR refreshes the required parameters automatically when changes are needed;
- Submittals can be made on a timelier basis;
- e-DMR participants instantly receive a system-generated email notification/documentation with the exact time and date of when the e-DMR was submitted; and
- Electronic signatures from multiple people are allowed, and e-DMR can be accessed from multiple computer locations.

You may apply at any time for e-DMR participation. The following website provides details, training videos and Frequently Asked Questions:

http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/PermittingCompliance/ElectronicDMRsubmissions.aspx

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On March 5 & 6, SWANA’s Old Dominion Chapter and the Northern Virginia Regional Commission hosted Universal Waste Training at Fairfax County’s I-66 Transfer Station. Over 60 people attended including participants that work in building maintenance and property management. See training documents on the KnowToxics website:

### Notes from the DEQ update at the May 15 Chapter Board meeting

**TOP 3 DEQ Priorities:**

1. **Overuse and pumping of Coastal Plain Aquifer.** DEQ plans to work with stakeholders on use of water in the Coastal Plain Aquifer
2. **Revising agreements with Ches. Bay agreement states regarding nutrient reductions with a focus on non-point source pollution.**
3. **DEQ is working on the next phase of MS4 for the larger localities. DEQ is taking the lead on training and certifications of Erosion and Sediment Control.**

- The Department is working on evaluating the medical regulated waste rules will evaluate the need to update.

- Alternate Daily Cover guidance is final and guidance is being developed on surface water impacts at landfills and vapor intrusion issues.

- DEQ continues to work on revising checklists and compliance reviews in inspections to gain efficiencies.

- DEQ is working on developing a day and a half conference on all things solid waste (compliance, permitting and groundwater and also planning, recycling and composting).

- **2013 SWIA report** - highlights include: 22 million tons of waste managed in VA with 15 million generated in state. This is the first year that only large jurisdictions (17) were required to submit, an additional 25 locales reported. The 2013 statewide recycling rate will be over 40%.

- The Waste Management Board meeting is June 24. The agenda will include changing the fees for voluntary remediation program.