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## Weekly Watershed Announcements December 2, 2016

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### In The News

#### EPA Begins Process To Regulate Toxic, Widely Used Chemicals

*(Richmond Times Dispatch)*



The Environmental Protection Agency on Tuesday released a list of toxic chemicals that will be the first reviewed under a recently enacted law that gives regulators increased authority to ban substances shown to endanger human health.

EPA's move comes after a key revision to the Toxic Substances Control Act that passed Congress earlier this year with broad bipartisan support. The list includes such common chemicals as asbestos and trichloroethylene that have for decades been known to cause cancer, yet EPA lacked the legal authority necessary to ban their use.

To read the full Associated Press article, click [here](#).

#### Could County Get "Relief" From Bay Cleanup Obligations?

*(Chesterfield Observer)*



Many environmentalists are approaching Donald Trump's inauguration with a mix of dread and apprehension, but county leaders are waiting to see whether the incoming president and Republican-controlled Congress will provide Chesterfield "commonsense relief" from its obligations under a federally mandated Chesapeake Bay cleanup program.

"I hope the administration looks at the huge financial impacts the stormwater requirements are having on localities and our ability to deliver other services," said Steve Elswick, chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

To read the full article by Jim McConnell, click [here](#).

### Upcoming Events

#### Virginia DEQ Stormwater BMP Training & Certification



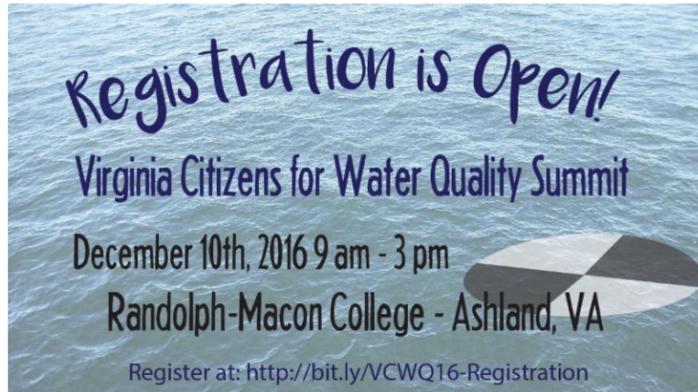
Three new courses have been added related to Stormwater BMPs: Rooftop Disconnection for VSMP Inspectors, Sheetflow to Filter Strips for VSMP Inspectors, and Soil Compost Amendments for VSMP Inspectors. To access the online courses, login to the DEQ Knowledge Center at <https://covkc.virginia.gov/deq/external>, click on Course Catalog and search for "BMP." Click the course name and then "Access Item" to open a new window. In this new window, click the course title to access content. See <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/ConnectWithDEQ/TrainingCertification.aspx> for more information about DEQ Training and Certification programs. To receive notifications from DEQ regarding Stormwater Management and Erosion & Sediment Control Training & Certification Announcements use the [Training Notification Sign-up Link](#) and complete the form.



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**2016 Virginia Citizens for Water Quality Summit**  
(December 10, 2016, 9am-3pm)



Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, VA. Intended for volunteer monitors to network, gain new skills, and learn how volunteer monitoring contributes to monitoring in the state. Workshops include: how to calibrate probes, how to ID aquatic bugs to the family level, storm water BMPs of Ashland, and expanding monitoring networks in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. See <https://vcwq.wordpress.com/> to register and see the agenda. The cost is \$20 (\$15 for students), which includes lunch. Direct questions to Anne Dunckel at [adunckel@allianceforthebay.org](mailto:adunckel@allianceforthebay.org).

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**Save the Date: Virginia Water Monitoring Council Annual Conference**  
(March 22, 2017)



Henrico County Training Center, Henrico, VA. This year's theme: Exploring Emerging Water Issues – Information will be posted at <http://www.vwmc.vwrrc.vt.edu/conference/>

**Job Opportunities**

**Part-Time Program Assistant**  
(Deadline to apply December 15, 2016)



The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay is seeking an energetic and creative person to assist with implementation of its RiverTrends and RiverWise Education Programs. For more information on this position and how to apply, click [here](#).

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