

## TITLE 9. ENVIRONMENT

### STATE WATER CONTROL BOARD

#### Notice of Effective Date

**Title of Regulation: 9VAC25-260. Water Quality Standards (amending 9VAC25-260-5, 9VAC25-260-50, 9VAC25-260-140, 9VAC25-260-155, 9VAC25-260-185, 9VAC25-260-187, 9VAC25-260-310, 9VAC25-260-390, 9VAC25-260-400, 9VAC25-260-410, 9VAC25-260-415, 9VAC25-260-440, 9VAC25-260-450, 9VAC25-260-470, 9VAC25-260-510, 9VAC25-260-520, 9VAC25-260-530, 9VAC25-260-540).**

**Statutory Authority:** § 62.1-44.15 of the Code of Virginia; Clean Water Act (33 USC § 1251 et seq.); 40 CFR Part 131.

**Effective Date:** June 27, 2017.

On January 14, 2016, the State Water Control Board adopted revisions to the Water Quality Standards in 9VAC25-260-5, 9VAC25-260-50, 9VAC25-260-140, 9VAC25-260-155, 9VAC25-260-185, 9VAC25-260-187, 9VAC25-260-310, 9VAC25-260-390, 9VAC25-260-400, 9VAC25-260-410, 9VAC25-260-415, 9VAC25-260-440, 9VAC25-260-450, 9VAC25-260-460, 9VAC25-260-470, 9VAC25-260-510, 9VAC25-260-520, 9VAC25-260-530, and 9VAC25-260-540. These revisions relate to water quality criteria, use designations, antidegradation, and other policies related to water quality. The amendments were published as final regulations in [32:26 VA.R. 3461-3542 August 22, 2016](#), to be effective upon the agency filing notice of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approval with the Registrar of Regulations. The State Water Control Board received a letter from Dominique Lueckenhoff, EPA Region III Regional Acting Director, Water Protection Division, dated June 5, 2017, that approved the amendments except for the amendment to 9VAC25-260-460, which removed a natural trout waters designation from Lovills Creek Lake; approval of that amendment was deferred. Therefore, the amendments to 9VAC25-260 in this regulatory action are effective as regulation with the exception of the EPA-deferred amendment in 9VAC25-260-460.

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