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JOINT COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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10:00 a.m.

**Senate Room A, General Assembly Building
Richmond, Virginia
Meeting Summary**

I. Call to Order

- Senator Frank Wagner

II. Commercial and Non-Commercial Environmental Laboratories (1 VAC 30, Chapters 45 and 46)

A. James Pearson, Director, Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services

- Please see hand out and power point presentation.
- Discussed wastewater analysis.
- The National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Conference (NELAC) sought to address inconsistencies across state lines.
- The vote structure did not allow for a private sector vote, but there was strong representation.
- **Delegate Griffith**-*Who did the initial start up work? How are new records kept? How is it done without any staff?*
- The Quality Control Manual just needed to be modified.
- The Department of General Services offered to make materials available.
- **Delegate Hull**-*Are most labs operating voluntarily?*
- Many small labs are not, but all should have a quality control program.
- 40 CFR 46s adjusted to list methods to be used.

B. Geoff Hirschelwood, VP Tech Director

- Virginia needs lab accreditation.
- A presentation that supports statutes with nutrient trading based on lab tests is a formula for instability.
- Since there is no state accreditation, it puts small Virginia businesses in trouble.
- All labs should perform testing according to a set standard.
- There would be two programs, a national accreditation commission and a non-commercial program.
- Senator Wagner had suggested stakeholders get together and work it out, but the outcome was no consensus as only attorneys were present and the technical people were not there.

C. James J. Pletl, Virginia Association of Municipal Wastewater Agencies

- Please see power point presentation.

D. Grace A. LeRose, City of Richmond Department of Public Utilities

- Please see comments posted under the documents section online.

E. Elmer Handy, Virginia Rural Water Association

- Please see comments posted under the documents section online.

F. Mark Estes, Halifax County Service Authority

- Please see comments posted under the documents section online.

III. Bridge Standards (Follow-Up); Kendal Walus, State Structure and Bridge Engineer

- Please see power point presentation.

IV. Other Business and Public Comment

- Ram Panchasara, Lab Supervisor, Chesterfield County Waste Water Laboratory
- Meeting adjourned at 12:30.