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Liesl DeVary
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Southeastern Public Service Authority
723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, Virginia 23320

RE: Virginia Environmental Excellence Program
E3-25, Southeastern Public Service Authority

Dear Ms. DeVary:

Congratulations! The Southeastern Public Service Authority (facility list enclosed) has renewed participation as an Exemplary Environmental Enterprise (E3) participant in the Virginia Environmental Excellence Program (VEEP). As an E3 participant, the facilities are entitled to the following benefits: public recognition, permit fee discounts, and a single point-of-contact within the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). In addition, participation in the VEEP at the E3 level may provide the facilities with certain types of administrative flexibility with environmental regulations.

The facilities will be required to report annually to DEQ on progress towards implementation of the environmental management system and pollution prevention program. Your next annual report will be due by April 1, 2022, for calendar year 2021.

Your renewal materials are attached. If you would like a hard copy of the VEEP certificate or a recognition ceremony, please contact me at (804) 698-4021 or Meghann.Quinn@DEQ.Virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Meghann Quinn".

Meghann Quinn, Manager
Office of Pollution Prevention

Attachment

cc: Craig Nicol, Regional Director, Tidewater Regional Office

TRO Permit Files: Air 61341; Petroleum ID 5006345, 5025906, 5006344, 5006343, 5014374; Water VA0090034; Waste PBR072, PBR518, PBR190, PBR191, PBR192, PBR193, PBR194, PBR195, SWP484, SWP539, SWP417, PAA074, PAA097, CTO043, CTO044, PAA073, PAA089, TA029, VAR049

Applicable Southeastern Public Service Authority operations covered under the current Environmental Management System:

- Refuse Derived Fuel Plant
- Power Plant
- Tire Processing Facility
- Citizen Refuse Deposit Facility
- Boykins Transfer Station
- Franklin Transfer Station
- Chesapeake Transfer Station
- Isle of Wight Transfer Station
- Norfolk Transfer Station
- Ivor Transfer Station
- Landstown Transfer Station
- Oceana Transfer Station
- Suffolk Transfer Station
- Recycling Program
- Transportation Fleet
- Operations Center Maintenance Shop
- HHW Collection (Chesapeake, Franklin, Suffolk)
- White Goods Facilities (Suffolk and Virginia Beach)
- Regional Landfill
- Regional Building
- Recycling Office

VEEP Application Review Comments



Facility Name: SPSA (MF)	Date: 8/12/2021
Reviewer: Keith Boisvert	APPLICATION: E3 Renewal
Environmental Policy Statement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Includes/stresses compliance, pollution prevention, training, communication & continuous improvement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elements in policy statement evident in EMS
	<u>Comments:</u> The environmental policy statement meets program requirements.
Environmental Impacts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive list of impacts/aspects <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Method for determining <i>significant</i> impacts/aspects <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Impact/aspect review process outlined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Process defined for reevaluation
	<u>Comments:</u> The list of aspects seems detailed.
EMS Objectives and Targets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Goals (or objectives) address significant impacts/aspects <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tasks or projects planned for addressing each goal/objective with a targeted schedule for implementation <input type="checkbox"/> Ideally, objectives and targets should address VEEP commitments for tracking "Environmental Results"
	<u>Comments:</u> Reporting commitments relate to significant aspects. Tasks have assigned managers and track to completion or are 'ongoing'.
Pollution Prevention Activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dedicated p2 section listing projects & accomplishments <input type="checkbox"/> Reduction numbers and cost savings <input type="checkbox"/> Address P2 activities outside of significant impacts/aspects
	<u>Comments:</u> P2 is covered, in detail, as part of the environmental policy statement. There are references to training and specific media, but these overlap significant aspects.
For E3 & E4 Facilities Only:	
Environmental Legal Requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> System for learning about legal requirements & changes in regulations
	<u>Comments:</u> Responsible parties and applicable resources are assigned to this task.
Roles, Responsibilities, & Authorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignments for projects, tasks or reporting responsibilities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upper management involvement or review
	<u>Comments:</u> Management reviews are annual.
Reporting & Record-Keeping	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> System for effective tracking of the EMS
	<u>Comments:</u>
Training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Systematic approach ensuring all employees have role in EMS

	<u>Comments:</u> Training efforts cover employees, contractors and supervisors
Emergency Response Procedures	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emergency management program coordinated with local EMS efforts
	<u>Comments:</u> Emergency response procedures are reviewed annually.
Voluntary Self-Assessments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular self-assessments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corrective action plans <input type="checkbox"/> Third party audit or assessment
	<u>Comments:</u> Internal audits are annual.
Communication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internal communication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> External communication
	<u>Comments:</u> Both processes are established.
For E4 Facilities Only:	
3rd Party Verification	<input type="checkbox"/> Implemented and completed at least one full cycle of an EMS as verified by an independent third party
	<u>Comments:</u>
Commitment to Continuous and Sustainable Environmental Progress & Community Involvement	<u>Comments:</u>
For all VEEP Applicants:	
Comments Related to Compliance Issues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEQ Compliance Check Completed
	<u>OPP Comment:</u> 7/23/21
Other Noteworthy/ Significant Activities	<u>Comments:</u>



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PROGRAM



Certificate of Achievement

Southeastern Public Service Authority

Presented for achieving the level of Exemplary Environmental Enterprise (E3)
by demonstrating proactive environmental management,
compliance with environmental requirements and continuous improvement
in its environmental performance.

Thank You for Making the Environment Your Business.

Joined August 2001 | Renewed August 2021

