

Department of Environmental Quality 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB885

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Blevins

3. Committee Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title Impacts to wetlands

5. Summary: Provides that no individual or general Virginia Water Protection Permit (VWPP) is required to be issued for a project's impacts to wetlands if the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has issued an individual wetlands permit.

6. Budget amendment necessary: No.

7. Fiscal impact estimates:

7a. Expenditure Impact: None. Based on workload analysis data obtained in 2009-10, eliminating this permitting activity represents only a 3 percent reduction in overall VWPP staff time. VWPP staff will still conduct Clean Water Act Section 401 certification activities for Federal-only Individual Permits.

7b. Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2012	(\$300,000)	0914
2013	(\$300,000)	0914
2014	(\$300,000)	0914
2015	(\$300,000)	0914
2016	(\$300,000)	0914
2017	(\$300,000)	0914

8. Fiscal implications

This will result in a reduction in VWPP application revenue for Individual permits. Average VWPP application annual revenues over the past six years are \$637,000, of which half of the revenue was from Individual permits. DEQ will lose approximately \$300,000 annually with no reduction in expenditure, resulting in a significant impact on program funding. Individual permit fees are determined on a per acre basis assessed on a sliding scale based on size of impacts pursuant to 9 VAC 25-20-110.C, 9 VAC 25-20-120.3 and 9 VAC 25-20-130.3.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Environmental Quality.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: HB 1623 is similar to this bill.

