

Eastern Shore Poultry Farm Activity Update

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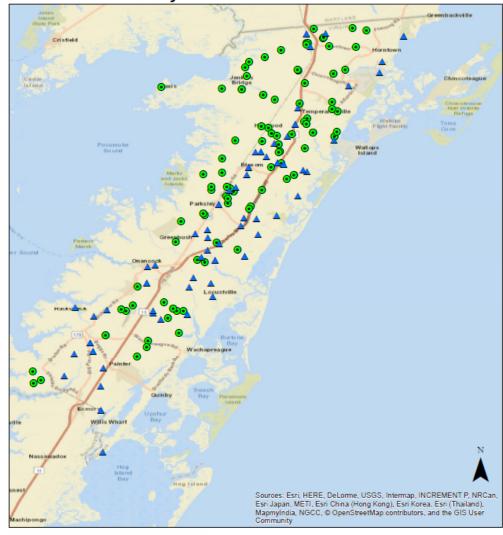
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Eastern Shore Poultry Activity

- Poultry Farms by the Numbers
 - 88 total poultry farms with active CAFO Permits
 - 86 in Accomack County
 - 2 in Northampton County
 - Farms range in size from 2 12 houses (Accomack ordinance limits to 12 houses to a parcel).
 - Number of birds in one flock (incl. all houses)
 ranges from 20,000 to > 500,000

Eastern Shore Overview Existing Groundwater Permittees and Poultry Farms with VPA Permits



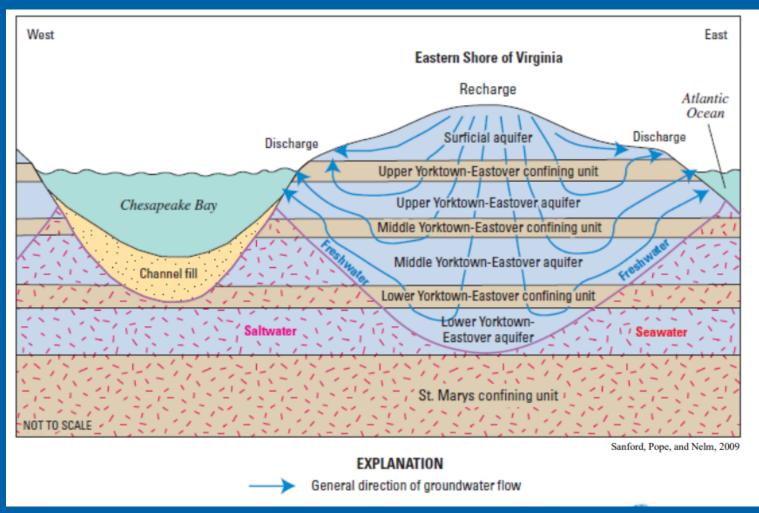


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- Existing Facilities with Groundwater Permits
- Poultry Farms with VPA Permits



Where is the water coming from?





Groundwater Withdrawal Permitting

- Not all poultry farms will require a permit (need to use 300,000 gallons in any month)
- Consent Special Orders issued to 57 existing farms that may require permits.
 - Implements withdrawal limits, metering and reporting requirements, DEQ well construction standards.
 - Authorizes the withdrawal until a permit decision can be made.
 - Applications have been received for all facilities with CSO's.
- Proposed/New farms must apply and receive a groundwater withdrawal permit before exceeding 300,000 gallons in any month.



What comes next?

- Technical Evaluation
- Public Involvement
- Permit Decision
- Post Issuance
 - Reporting requirements
 - Data Collection



Questions?

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