Groundwater Management and Regional Water Supply Impacts

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Groundwater management impacts both our public water systems & areas that rely on individual wells





	2017 Permits		2014 or earlier		
Permit Holder	Permitted Withdrawal (MGD)	% Cut Below Previous Permit	Previous Permitted Withdrawal (MGD)	DEQ Target (MGD)	Reported Use (MGD)
City of Franklin	1.4	51%	2.88	.93 – 1.3	0.93
City of Chesapeake	3.51	68%	11	3.5	3.5
International Paper - Franklin Mill	16.0 (Y1) to 14.0 (Y10)	56% (Y1) to 62% (Y10)	36.68	10.0 - 12.0	13.71
WestRock - West Point Mill	20.0 (Y1) to 16.0 (Y10)	13% (Y1) to 31% (Y10)	23.03	9.0 - 10.0	17.79
City of Portsmouth	5.0	67%	15.42	3.49	2.91
Solenis - formerly Hercules Inc	3.2	52%	6.67	3	2.74
Western Tidewater Water Authority (Suffolk & Isle of Wight)	4.2	50%	8.34	3.5 - 3.9	3.51
Virginia Renewable Power - formerly Cogentrix	1.2	53%	2.60	1.0 – 1.2	0.18
James City Service Authority	6.0	32%	8.83	3.8 - 4.0	5.41
Newport News Waterworks	2.96	58%	7.00	1.53	1.53
Colonial Williamsburg	1.12	39%	1.84	1.2	1.4
Smithfield Farmland Corp	2.60	35%	4.01	2.6	1.65
Town of Smithfield	1.28	8%	1.4	1.27	0.86
City of Norfolk	3.74	77%	15.94	3.74	0.06
Totals	72.3 to 66.3	50%	145.6	48.6 to 52.7	56.2

Public Systems Water Supply & Demand

2011 Projections

2018 Draft Projections



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Region is using less water

Regional Water Consumption (2002-2016)



Year

How much water is enough?



Can we make better use of our water resources? Industrial Groundwater Users = 41 MGD

Anheuser Busch = 1.8 MGD

Ford Plant = 1.8 MGD

Google data center, SC = 4 MGD



Unresolved Issue: Need aquifer replenishment for groundwater use to be sustainable at current permitted level and to allow rural development.

SWIFT is unique – only replenishment project where entity injecting water doesn't want to use or sell the water.

Virginia needs regulations that provide the legal framework to incentivize aquifer replenishment.

Workgroup to develop banking / trading system by July 1, 2020 has had first meeting.







