
VIRGINIA STATE BUDGET

1998 Special Session I

Budget Bill - SB4001 (Introduced)

Bill Order » Office of Natural Resources » Item 426

Department of Environmental Quality

Item 426	First Year - FY1999	Second Year - FY2000
Environmental Monitoring and Evaluation (51400)	\$7,857,932	\$7,875,640
Air Quality Monitoring and Evaluation (51401)	\$1,288,968	\$1,288,968
Chesapeake Bay Water Quality and Habitat Monitoring (51405)	\$2,237,613	\$2,241,522
Water Quality Assessments (51406)	\$3,698,138	\$3,711,937
Surface Water Investigations (51407)	\$633,213	\$633,213
Fund Sources:		
General	\$5,986,325	\$6,004,033
Trust and Agency	\$50,000	\$50,000
Dedicated Special Revenue	\$83,628	\$83,628
Federal Trust	\$1,737,979	\$1,737,979

Authority: Title 10.1, Chapters 11.1 and 13, and Title 62.1, Chapter 3.1, 3.2, and 24, Code of Virginia.

A. This item includes \$450,000 the first year and \$450,000 the second year from the general fund to monitor water quality in the Elizabeth River. These funds shall be used to establish toxins analysis capabilities with the purpose of analyzing ambient water conditions in the Elizabeth River, collecting biological samples, and monitoring the performance of proposed best management practices.

B.1. This item includes \$700,000 the first year and \$700,000 the second year from the general fund for additional statewide water quality monitoring. The funds shall be used to develop and implement consistent site and monitoring techniques to ensure reliability and to determine trends; increase frequency and amount of toxins analysis, biological monitoring, and fish tissue sampling; expand the number of river miles monitored; and ensure the monitoring of all four conventional pollutants at all stations.

2. If the Department determines it is more efficient and effective to contract for laboratory services, the Department is authorized to do so. However, the Department shall not enter into a contract with a private laboratory that has a conflict of interest because of contractual or other relationships with Virginia facilities regulated by the Department. In addition, any private laboratory that enters into a contract with the Department for water quality monitoring shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 652, 1997 Acts of Assembly.