





# DEQ: Transformation Vision

Building on our strong foundation to move forward

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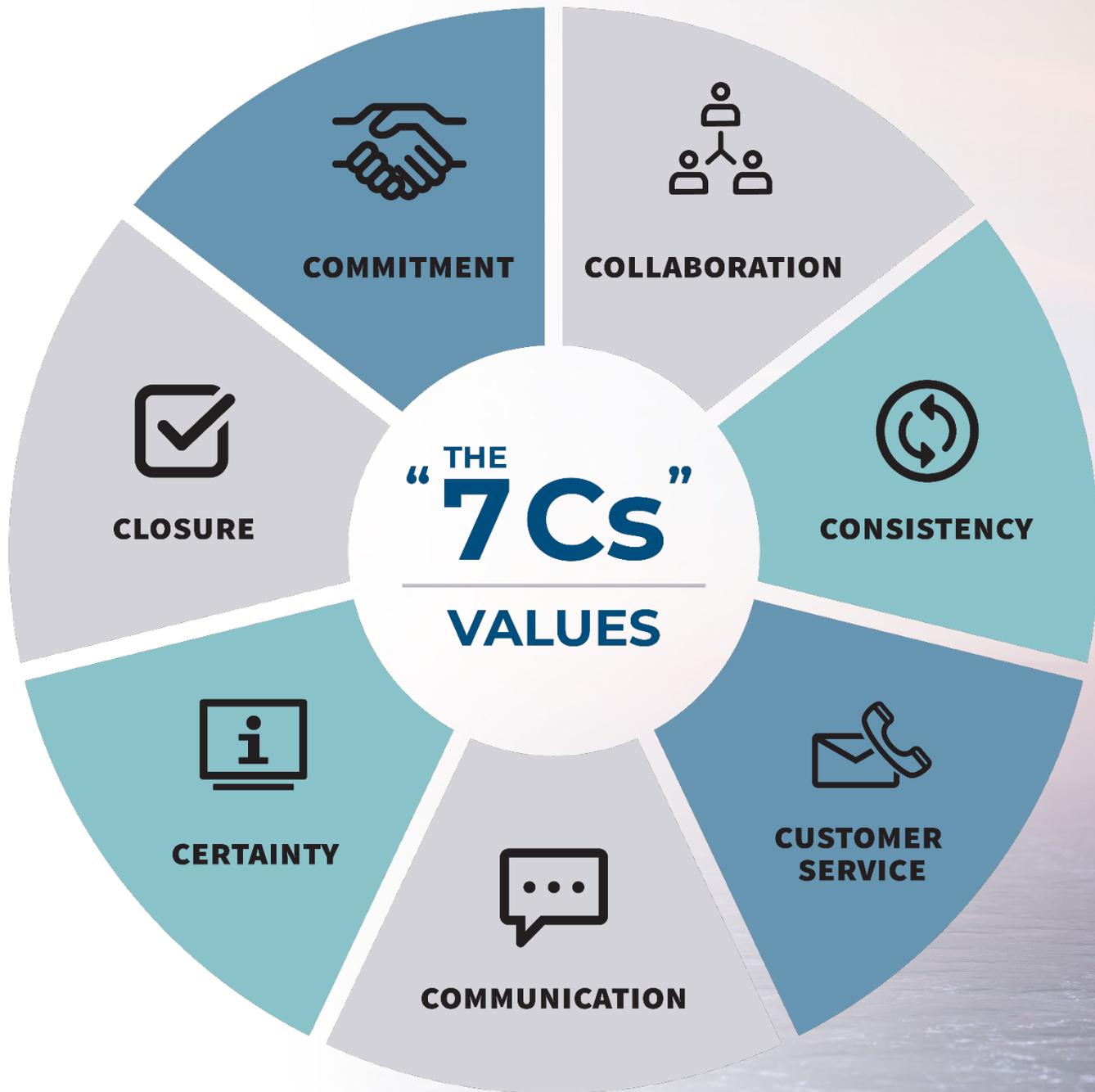
# Building Upon Strength

DEQ has a **strong** foundation.



# Our Mission, Vision and Values

- DEQ's **MISSION** is to protect and enhance the environment of Virginia to promote the health and well-being of the Commonwealth's citizens, residents, and visitors in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.
- DEQ's **VISION** is that all Virginians enjoy cleaner water, better air quality and the productive reuse of land that was once contaminated.
- Our **VALUES** can be summarized by the "7 Cs."

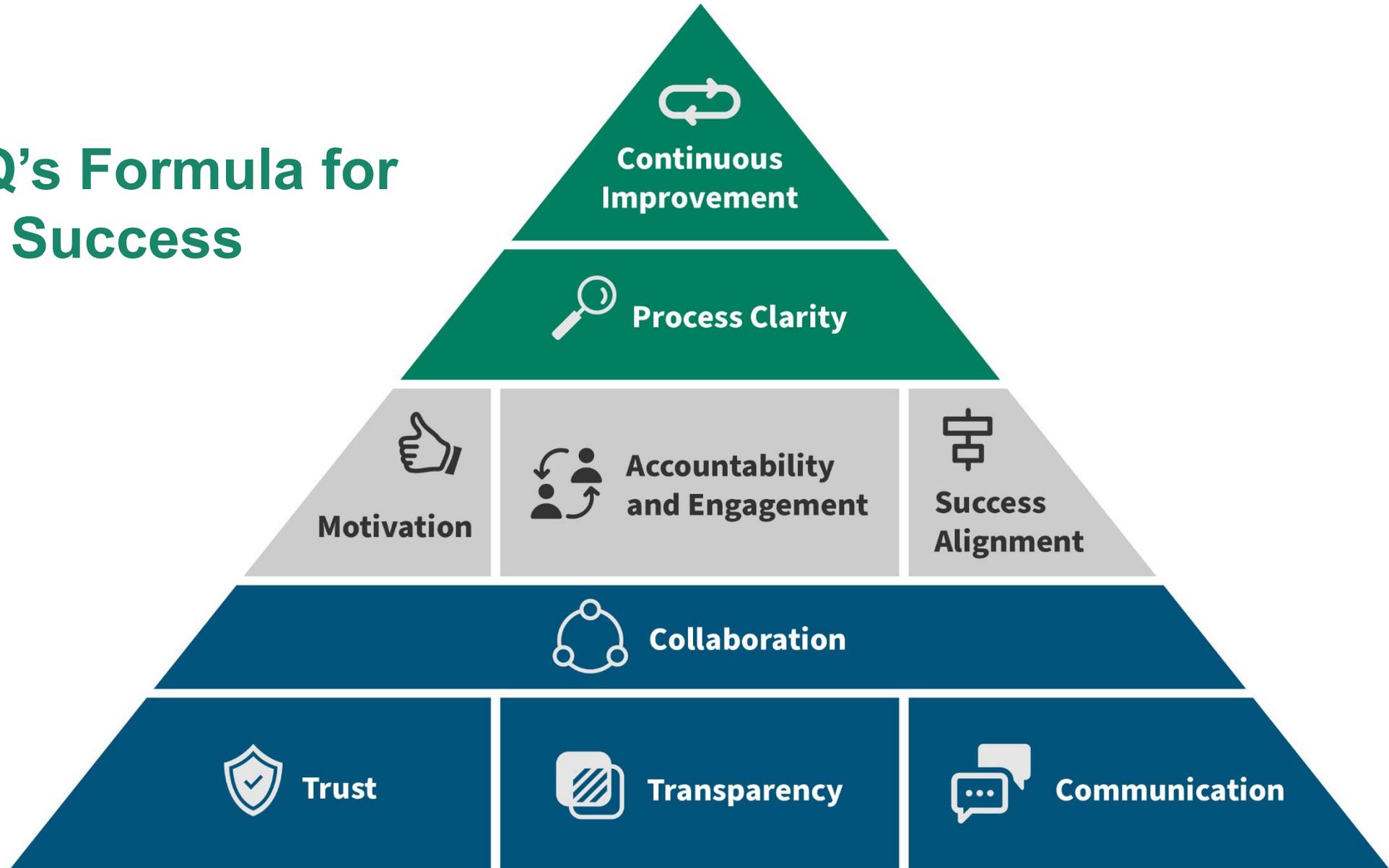


## Our Goal

Healthy state and local economies, and a healthy environment of Virginia are integrally related; balanced economic development and the protection of our environment are not mutually exclusive.



# DEQ's Formula for Our Success



Source: Adapted from Skanska USA

# Moving Toward a Transformative Future

We are currently working on four transformative initiatives to provide improved:

- Process clarity
- Customer support
- Transparency
- Communications

Technology, best management practices and improved communication tools will also be used to build on DEQ's strong foundation.

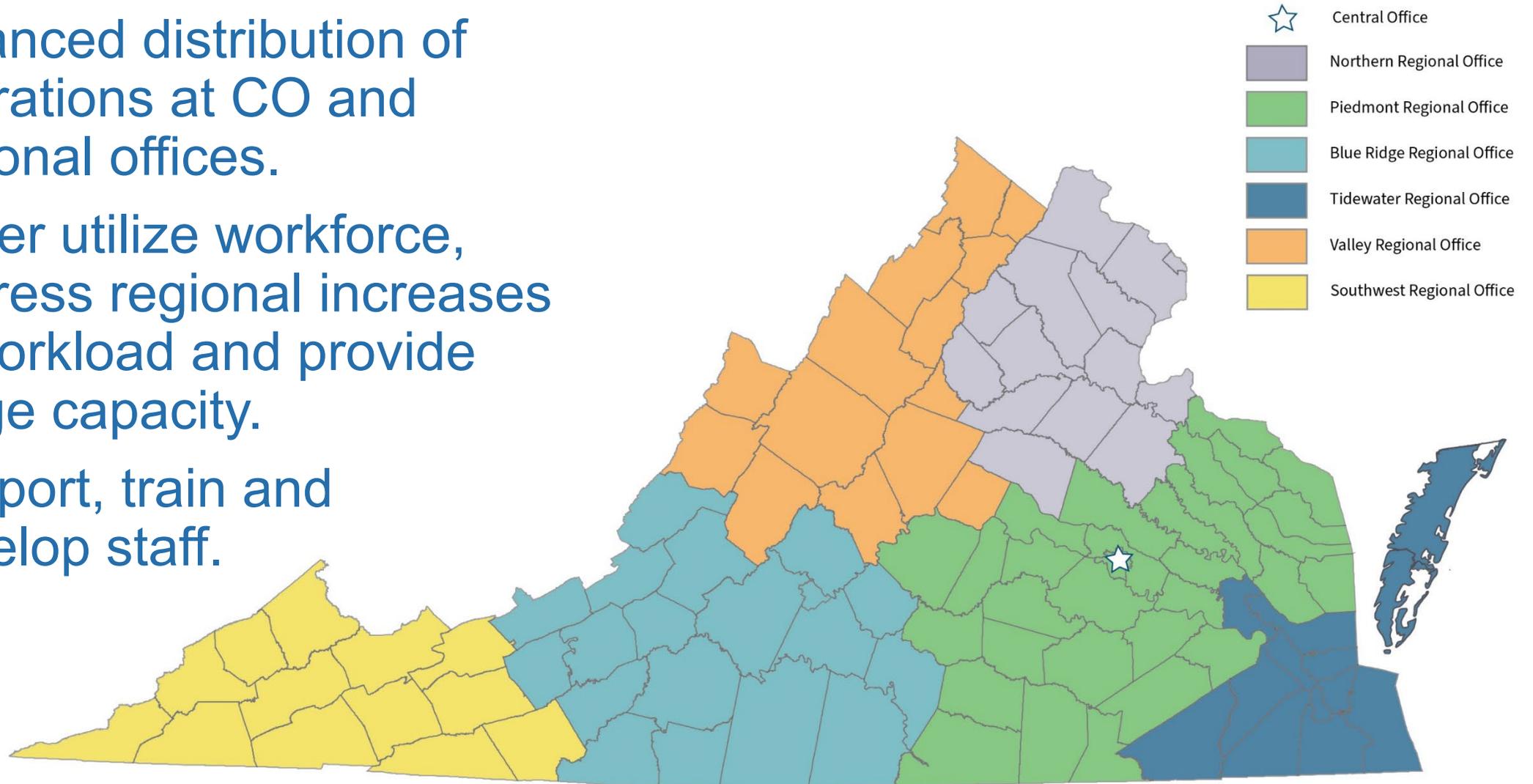
# Four Initiatives

The four initiatives include:

1. OneDEQ
2. Permitting Enhancement and Evaluation Platform (PEEP)
3. One stormwater, BMP and ESC manual
4. Commodity trading platform for mitigation

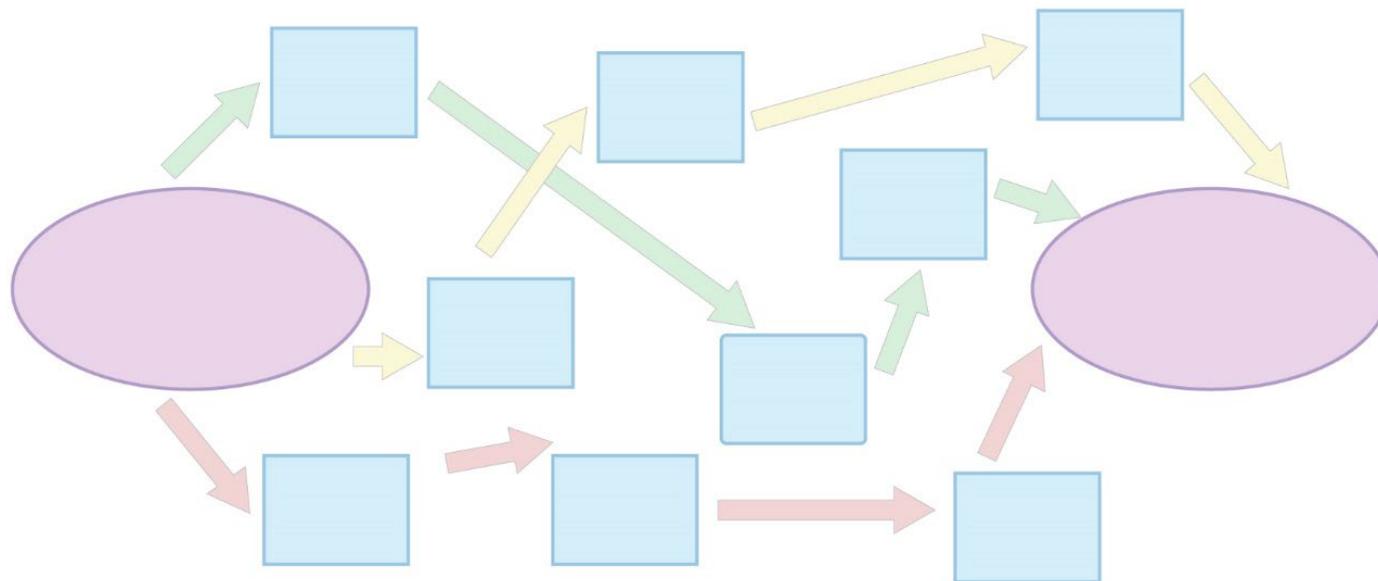
# One DEQ

- Balanced distribution of operations at CO and regional offices.
- Better utilize workforce, address regional increases in workload and provide surge capacity.
- Support, train and develop staff.



# PEEP

- Identify and implement technological improvements to foster transparency, collaboration and efficiency.
- Develop Critical Path Management schedule to track approval process to ensure timely decisions.



# Stormwater and Erosion Control Programs

- Create one comprehensive manual that is continuously updated to reflect evolving technologies and regulations.
- Provide training and certification program to reduce review.



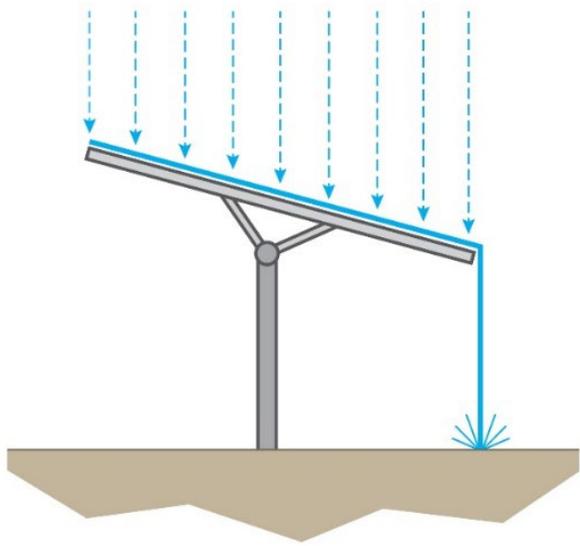
# Commodity Trading Platform

- Develop trading platform for water-related commodities to provide transparency for permittees with regard to prices as well as supply and demand.
- Assist market in meeting demands of a strong economy.



# Intermittent Steps: Guidance Documents

- Stormwater management outfalls
- Solar SWM/ESC/BMP
  - VRRM
- Farms and agribusiness
- Environmental Justice
- Certification in lieu of SWM Review



# Responsiveness and Communication



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\*UPDATE TANKER CRASH\*

- ▶ The 9,000 gallon capacity tanker designed with inner compartments; only one was compromised. VDEM evaluated a 1,250-gallon release
- ▶ Amount in damaged compartment estimated at 2,500 gallons (slow leak)
- ▶ Transfer of all compartments expected @ 6:30 p.m.
- ▶ Fire department, Roanoke Hazmat Team & state's emergency contractor provided containment for damaged tanker. ... [See more](#)

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Ken Gilbert

Great response and report



This is a really big deal. Thanks to all those who are helping. This is one of the last great ecosystems in the state and needs detailed attention. Will standby for updates.



## Q&A

Any questions?

