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In 2019, the Water Quality Improvement Act (Code of Virginia § 10.1-2117 *et seq.*) was amended to require the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to annually determine an estimate of the amount of Water Quality Improvement Grant (WQIF) point source funding expected to be requested by local governments for eligible wastewater infrastructure projects.

DEQ is seeking input to identify future funding needs for WQIF-eligible projects in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. DEQ is sending this letter and survey link to the owners of facilities that are eligible for WQIF point source funding. This survey intends to capture an estimate of the WQIF funding needed for significant dischargers to meet their existing discharge permit limits or waste load allocation. Currently, WQIF funding is limited to nutrient reduction technology and conveyance infrastructure for Chesapeake Bay dischargers. Future surveys may include a request for ammonia removal costs.

The data obtained from this survey will be used to prepare the estimate of the amount of WQIF funding expected to be requested from local governments. The estimate will be included in the biennial funding report submitted to the Governor pursuant to § 2.2-1504 and will be included in the Chesapeake Bay and Virginia Waters Clean-up Plan and Report submitted annually by the Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources to the Governor and the General Assembly pursuant to § 62.1-44.118. For the 2024 survey, **your submission must be received by May 24, 2024** in order for DEQ to include your information in these related reports that are subject other deadlines of their own.

Questions about this survey should be directed to Miranda Jaroniski with DEQ's Clean Water Financing and Assistance Program at 804-839-6326 or cwfap@deq.virginia.gov.

We thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Rolband'.

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