

15. MISCELLANEOUS**A. NOTICES**

Attached for your reference please find copies of various notices.

B. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Please find various items of incoming correspondence attached.

C. OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Please find various items of outgoing correspondence attached.

D. ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Please find copies of various newspaper articles attached for your reference.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

OFFICE OF DRINKING WATER

Southeast Virginia Field Office

JAN 10 2013

NOTICE OF VIOLATION830 Southampton Avenue
Suite 2058
Norfolk, VA 23510
Phone (757) 683-2000
Fax (757) 683-2007SUBJECT: SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
Water - Kingsdale-Moseley
PWSID No. 3175461Ms. Shanda Harper
Aura, Inc.
137 Kenmore Street
Suffolk, VA 23434**Re: Failure to Collect Required Bacteriological Sample**

Dear Ms. Harper:

This notice is to advise that you may be in violation of §12 VAC 5-590-370 of the Commonwealth of Virginia *Waterworks Regulations* for failure to complete required monitoring of the bacteriological quality of water that your waterworks serves to consumers. The *Regulations* require your system to collect one routine water sample for bacteriological examination each month and report the results of the test to this office no later than the 10th day of the following month. According to our records, no bacteriological sample was collected, analyzed or reported for the month of November 2012.

Required Actions

Public Notice: The *Waterworks Regulations* characterizes this as a situation that requires Tier 3 public notification. According to § 12 VAC 5-590-540, you are required to notify consumers that the prescribed monitoring was not performed, as follows:

- You must provide notice to consumers no later than one year following receipt of this notice.
- Your notice to customers must be mailed or directly delivered to each customer receiving a bill, and to other service connections served by your waterworks.
- Until the violation is resolved, you must give a copy of the notice to all new billing units or new customers, before or at the time service begins.
- You must repeat distribution of the notice annually, for as long as the violation persists.
- If you are using a private laboratory, you should advise them that the monthly samples are for compliance purposes and ask that they submit results directly to this office.

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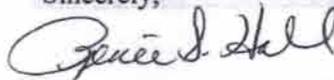
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Draft Notice: Attached is a draft notice for you to provide to consumers. You may use this notice as is, or modify it to better meet your situation, as long as the information is accurate and the notice contains all of the required elements and mandated language. If you decide to change the notice, we suggest that you contact this Office to verify that your proposed changes meet the requirements of the *Waterworks Regulations*.

Public Notice Confirmation: Within ten (10) days of completing public notification, you must provide this Office with a copy of the notice you distribute, along with signed certification of the distribution completion date and methods used. Failure to distribute public notice and report to the Virginia Department of Health may be a further violation of the *Waterworks Regulations*. A public notification completion form is enclosed for your use.

Follow-up Actions: You must collect a routine bacteriological sample during each monthly monitoring period. If you have questions, please call, ext. 113.

Sincerely,



Renée S. Hall
District Engineer

RSH/ssd
Enclosures

pc: Dr. Nancy Welch, Acting Director, Southampton County Health Department
Mr. Michael W. Johnson, County Administrator, Southampton County
Ms. Roberta Riccio, EPA Region 3
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NOTICE OF VIOLATIONSUBJECT: SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
Water - Town of Courtland
PWSID No. 3175220The Honorable Danny Williams
Town of Courtland
22219 Meherrin Road
P. O. Box 39
Courtland, VA 23837**Re: Exceeding the Primary Maximum Contaminant Level for Fluoride**

Dear Mayor Williams:

This notice is to advise that you may be in violation of §12 VAC 5-590-410 of the *Waterworks Regulations* for exceeding the Primary Maximum Contaminant Level (PMCL) for fluoride. Test results of the quarterly water samples taken at the entry point of the Town of Courtland waterworks during the compliance period of January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012 indicate that the running annual average fluoride concentration calculated at 4.2 mg/L exceeds the PMCL for fluoride of 4.0 mg/L.

The Town of Courtland has entered into a voluntary binding agreement known as a Consent Order with the Virginia Department of Health. The Order contains a compliance schedule to resolve the ongoing exceedance of the fluoride PMCL standard. The Town of Courtland has met all milestones and deadlines established in the Order so far.

Required Actions

Public Notice: The Federal Public Notification Rule characterizes this as a Tier 2 situation. You are required to notify consumers that the fluoride PMCL was exceeded, as follows:

- You must distribute a notice to consumers no later than 30 days of receipt of this letter.
- Your notice to consumers must be mailed or directly delivered to each customer receiving a bill, and to other service connections served by your waterworks.
- If your waterworks serves consumers who do not pay water bills, or who do not have service connection addresses (apartment dwellers, university students, or nursing home patients, for example) you must also use other delivery methods to provide notice to these consumers as well. Examples of other methods include (but are not limited to) notice publication in local newspapers, delivery of multiple copies to apartment buildings, or posting the notice in public places served by the system.

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- Until the violation is resolved, you must give a copy of the notice to all new billing units or new customers, before or at the time service begins.
- You must repeat distribution of the notice every three months, for as long as the violation persists.

Public Notice Confirmation: Within ten (10) days of completing public notification you must provide this Office with a copy of the notice you distribute, along with signed certification of the distribution completion date and methods used. Failure to distribute public notice and report to the Virginia Department of Health may be a violation of State and Federal Public Notification Rule. A public notification completion form is enclosed for your use.

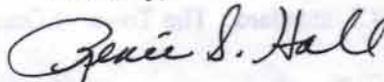
Follow-up Actions: The USEPA issued an Administrative Order dated March 31, 2011 regarding compliance with the fluoride PMCL. The Order stated that the Town was required to conduct quarterly sampling of each individual well located at Pine Street as well as the well located on Nottoway Drive. In addition, yield and drawdown testing of the Pine Street wells was required to ascertain the capacity of each well and to provide information on the existing well pump capacities. Upon completion of the quarterly sampling and yield and drawdown testing, a technical memorandum prepared by a licensed engineer must be submitted to the Virginia Department of Health-Office of Drinking Water. The report must present data which supports the use of the Pine Street wells as the sole source for the Town. It should also indicate that the fluoride level in the wells is consistently and reliably below the Primary Maximum Contaminant Level (PMCL) of 4.0 mg/l.

We have received the quarterly sampling results from samples collected from March 2011 to date.

This office received a letter from the Town dated April 22, 2011 which states that the technical memorandum would be submitted on February 24, 2012. We have not received the technical memorandum to date. Please submit the aforementioned memorandum or notify this office of the status of the report within ten days upon receipt of this notice.

If you have questions, please call.

Sincerely,



Renée S. Hall
District Engineer

KF/RSH/bjm

- pc: Dr. Nancy M. Welch, Acting Director, Southampton County Health Department
 Mr. Michael Johnson, County Administrator, Southampton County
 Robert A. K. Payne, JD, VDH Compliance Manager
 Mr. Brian Poe, USEPA, Region 3
 Mr. Todd Boykin, Arcadis-US, Inc.

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VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF DRINKING WATER
GROUNDWATER SYSTEM SANITARY SURVEY REPORT

To: Mr. Michael D. Smith
Southampton County
17287 Pitman Road
Boykins, Virginia 23827

SUBJECT: SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
Water – Southampton Co. Office Building
PWSID No. 3175200

Inspection Date: October 22, 2012

Inspection Type: Routine

Present at Inspection: Tony Dongarra, Kebede Feleke, Raymond Bryant

Next Samples Due:

Sample Type	Next Sample Due	Sample Location	Comments
Inorganics	April 2015	EP001	
Metals	April 2015	EP001	
Radiological	NA	NA	
VOCs	April 2015	EP001	
SOCs	NA	EP001	Waiver expires 12/31/2013
Cyanide	NA	EP001	Waiver expires 12/31/2019
Nitrates	January 2013	EP001	
Lead & Copper	July 2013	Various Distribution Sites	Total of 5 samples due between June 1 and September 30, 2013

The Virginia Department of Health Office of Drinking Water (VDH-ODW) conducts sanitary surveys to determine and document system compliance with the Virginia *Waterworks Regulations*. The survey considers both administrative compliance and material condition of the system. As a result of the sanitary survey noted above, we offer the following comments to assist system owners with achieving and maintaining compliance with regulatory requirements.

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Administrative

1. The Cross-Connection Control Program records are located in the Boykins office and were therefore not evaluated during this inspection. The operator's demonstrated knowledge of the program, prior inspection of Southampton County cross connection control records and material condition of the subject system (no observed cross connections) indicate that the system is in compliance with the standard.
2. Records indicate that the bacteriological monitoring is being conducted in accordance with the Bacteriological Sample Siting Report (BSSR) approved by this office on May 4, 2007. If the need should arise to change sample locations please ensure that this office is notified so that the BSSR can be properly modified.
3. The system had a routine monitoring violation of the total coliform rule in February of 2011. All public notification requirements have been met and the system has returned to compliance with the standard.
4. System maintenance is conducted by building and ground personnel. This could result in improper maintenance procedures and compromise water quality. The designated operator in charge of the system should be notified whenever any maintenance is performed on the system, of any complaints regarding water quality, or lack of adequate pressure so that the appropriate actions, such as proper reporting, disinfection and monitoring can be assured. *Waterworks Regulations* require that records of maintenance actions, repairs and complaint investigations be maintained for a period of five (5) years.

Material Condition

1. The construction of this system does not meet the requirements of the Commonwealth of Virginia *Waterworks Regulations*, but the system was accepted and permitted "as is". If the system fails to continue meeting water quality standards or is modified, expanded, or significantly changed (i.e. change of pump size, addition of softener, addition of chlorination, etc.), such changes are required to be approved in advance by this office to ensure that plans and specifications conform with the requirements set out by the *Waterworks Regulations*.
2. The hydropneumatic tank appears to be operating on the low end of its design and may be progressing towards becoming air bound. Periodic maintenance and inspection of the tank and appurtenances are called for. At a minimum the tank should be flushed annually and the blow down observed for sediments. This is also a good time to observe proper operation of the tanks pressure switch and automatic level controls and to record well pump rates and gallons per cycle. The America Water Works Association (AWWA) recommends that all storage tanks, including hydropneumatic tanks, be drained, inspected and cleaned every five (5) years. The date that this was last performed is unknown. The Department of Labor and Industry inspection certificate expired 11/16/2012. There is often a lag time before new certifications are received. Please ensure that the inspection is current and that the new certification is posted at the tank's location.

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3. System valves should be regularly exercised. Routinely opening and closing the valves and cleaning and lubrication of the stems can ensure that they are in good working order. Properly functioning valves facilitate proper operation and timely repairs and maintenance.

If you have questions or desire to discuss these findings, please contact me at (757) 683-2000 (ext. 105).

Inspection By:



Tony Dongarra
Environmental Health Specialist, Sr.

TD/bjm

pc: Southampton County Health Department
Mr. Michael Johnson, County Administrator
VDH – Office of Drinking Water

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Karen Remley, MD, MBA, FAAP
State Health Commissioner

John J. Aulbach II, PE
Director, Office of Drinking Water

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Phone: (757)-683-2000
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SUBJECT: SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
Water - Edgehill Subdivision
PWSID No. 3175340

Mr. Michael D. Smith
Deputy Director of Utilities
Southampton Public Utilities
17287 Pittmann Road
Boykins, VA 23827

Dear Mr. Smith:

We have received your final 2011 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) and Certification Form for the subject waterworks located in Southampton County. The report was submitted to satisfy the requirements of the Commonwealth of Virginia *Waterworks Regulations*.

Our review of the CCR indicates that it appears to be complete and meets the requirements of the CCR Rule, as issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and *Waterworks Regulation*.

You are reminded that the next CCR, containing 2012 data, is due to the customers by July 1, 2013. Please be reminded that a copy of the CCR must be delivered to this office at the same time the report is distributed to consumers. CCR records must be kept in your files for at least three (3) years and made available to this Department upon request.

If you have any questions or, if we may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call me ext. 113.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Renée S. Hall".

Renée S. Hall
District Engineer

TD/RSH/bjm

pc: Southampton County Health Department
✓ Mr. Michael Johnson, County Administrator, Southampton County
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SUBJECT: SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
Water - Town of Newsoms
PWSID No. 3175500

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Sincerely,

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District Engineer

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Water - Drewryville
PWSID No. 3175300

Mr. Michael D. Smith
Deputy Director of Utilities
Southampton Public Utilities
17287 Pittmann Road
Boykins, VA 23827

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SUBJECT: SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
Water - Kingsdale-Moseley
PWSID No. 3175461

Ms. Shanda Harper
Aura, Inc.
137 Kenmore Street
Suffolk, VA 23434

Re: Failure to Provide Public Notification
Failure to Submit Certification of Public Notice

Dear Ms. Harper:

This notice is to advise that you may be in violation of § 12 VAC 5-590-540 of the Commonwealth of Virginia *Waterworks Regulations* for failure to conduct the required public notification for certain violations and to notify this office of completion of any public notification. According to our records, public notification was required for the following:

<u>Violation</u>	<u>Monitoring Period</u>	<u>Public Notification Due</u>
Failure to collect bacteriological samples	October 2011	November 16, 2012

Our records do not indicate that notice distribution or confirmation occurred as required.

Required Actions

Public Notice: Section § 12 VAC 5-590-540 of the *Waterworks Regulations* requires you to notify consumers that the prescribed public notification was not performed, as follows:

- You must provide notice to consumers no later than 30 days from the date of this letter.
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Ms. Shanda Harper

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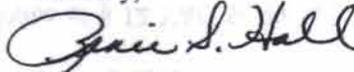
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Follow-up Actions: You must provide public notification for each notice of violation that has been issued to your waterworks.

If you have questions, please contact me (ext. 113).

Sincerely,



Renée S. Hall
District Engineer

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Enclosures

pc: ✓ Dr. Nancy Welch, Acting Director, Southampton County Health Department
✓ Mr. Michael W. Johnson, County Administrator, Southampton County
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January 3, 2013

Mr. Michael W. Johnson
Southampton County
26022 Administration Center Dr.
Courtland, VA 23837

Dear Mr. Johnson,

On behalf of the patients, volunteers, staff and Board of Directors of Western Tidewater Free Clinic, I thank you for your gift of \$9,000.00 on 12/28/2012. It is the commitment and support of community members like you that allows WTFC to deliver the compassionate care that our patients need and deserve.

Since we began seeing patients in June 2007, our mission has been to provide high-quality, non-emergency health care to the residents of Western Tidewater who cannot otherwise afford it. Our goal is to help patients reach optimal health, achieve a better quality of life for themselves and their families, and to help them remain or become productive members of their communities. We have recently added a comprehensive women's health program and an on-site pharmacy to help meet the growing needs of patients. This is only possible because of thoughtful contributions like yours.

Your helping hands are providing health and hope to those most at risk in our community. I am continually touched by the stories patients share with us. It is a joy to be part of the Clinic and we are honored you have chosen to support the Clinic, thank you!

With heartfelt thanks,


Miriam A. Beiler
Executive Director

*Thanks for your
support of our
mission!*

Western Tidewater Free Clinic is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt 501(C)3 organization. Your donation is fully tax deductible as permitted by law as no goods or services were received in exchange for this contribution. Please keep this written acknowledgement of your donation for your personal records.



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January 7, 2013

The Honorable Michael W. Johnson
Mayor
County of Southampton
Cty Admin, 26022 Administration Center Dr
Courtland, VA 23837

Dear Mayor Johnson:

Charter customers continue to enjoy a great TV experience as we make investments in next-generation technology and enhancements to our customer service. Our aim is to add value to our products and improve the overall experience for our customers. Our customers enjoy top-rated TV channels for every member of the family, in both digital and HD format, and can take digital networks on the go with their mobile devices, using services such as HBO GO, MAX GO, BTN2GO and Turner Networks.

In addition, our customers have access to more than 10,000 movies On Demand, (with 1,500+ in HD and movie selections in 3D), providing the ultimate in flexibility.

As you may know, Charter Internet®, which is ranked as one of the nation's fastest Internet providers by PC Magazine, enables our customers to simultaneously stream videos, download music and more, with consistent speed and Internet performance.

It has been well documented that rapidly rising costs from programming networks, including fees from local broadcast stations, are the number one expense challenge for video providers today. As aggressively as Charter's efforts are to manage and to contain costs, at this time, like many other service providers, we find it necessary to make adjustments to our pricing that reflect increased programming fees from suppliers, as well as the overall cost of doing business. **Note that although pricing for Basic and Expanded Basic is being adjusted, more than 50% of our customers subscribe to digital packaging, which includes Basic and Expanded Basic; and many digital customers enjoy promotional pricing that will not change until their promotion term expires.**

February 2013 customer statements will reflect adjustments made to pricing for our customers in your community.

<u>Service</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Basic	\$24.99	\$25.99	\$1.00
Expanded Basic	\$37.00	\$39.00	\$2.00
Digital Home	\$63.99	\$65.99	\$2.00
Change of Service Computerized Fee	\$1.99	\$2.99	\$1.00

Services not available in all areas.

Digital Receiver including Interactive Guide Service	\$5.00	\$5.99	\$0.99
Broadcast TV Surcharge	\$1.72	\$2.15	\$0.43

Also, for those communities currently receiving a franchise fee, we would remind you of an alternative to U.S. mail-delivered paper checks for franchise fee payments. You have the option to sign up for an electronic direct payment process for franchise fees, assuring a more efficient and timely manner of receiving your funds. If you would like to pursue the electronic payment process, please contact me and I will forward you the required signup form. We believe this convenient method will be of significant value to you.

We remain committed to providing excellent cable services to your community and all communities we serve. If you have any questions about these changes, please contact me at (864) 254-7409 or jim.corrin@chartercom.com.

Sincerely,



Jim Corrin
Director of Government Relations

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY



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Courtland, Virginia 23837

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Fax: 757-653-0227

December 28, 2012

Mr. E. Beale Carter, Jr.
P. O. Box 189
Boykins, VA 23827

RE: IDA appointment

Dear Mr. Carter:

I am pleased to inform you of your recent reappointment to the Industrial Development Authority of Southampton County which was unanimously approved by the board of supervisors in their regular session of December 17, 2012.

Your new term will now expire December 31, 2016.

Upon reappointment, pursuant to § 15.2-4904 (B) of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, you are required to take and subscribe the oath of office prescribed by § 49-1, which is to be administered by Mr. Richard L. Francis, Clerk of the Court.

Please contact Mr. Francis at (757) 653-2200 to arrange for a mutually convenient time to take your oath of office.

On behalf of the board of supervisors, please accept my gratitude for your willingness to continue to serve as an IDA director.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael W. Johnson".

Michael W. Johnson
County Administrator

cc: Richard L. Francis, Clerk of the Court

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY



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December 28, 2012

Mr. Demetrious N. Peratsakis, Executive Director
Western Tidewater Community Services Board
5268 Godwin Boulevard
Suffolk, VA 23434

Dear Mr. Peratsakis:

In regular session on December 17, 2012 the Southampton County Board of Supervisors reappointed Mrs. June Steele to succeed herself for another three year term on the Western Tidewater Community Services Board commencing January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2015.

Thank you in advance for updating your records accordingly.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael W. Johnson".

Michael W. Johnson
County Administrator

cc: June Steele



In battle of landowners and hunters, hounds often lose

At the end of each deer hunting season, Eddie Spencer seemed to be missing a hound or two and he was pretty sure he knew why.

Several run-ins with a landowner in Albemarle County led Spencer to suspect foul play.

Last year, when the GPS signal from Bob, his 3-year-old beagle, went dead after Spencer heard gunshots, he was even more sure.

A sheriff's deputy also heard the shots and went to the property of Michael Mullins. The officer charged Mullins with felony larceny of a dog, as well as misdemeanor counts of larceny of a tracking collar, animal cruelty and removing an electronic dog collar. His trial is set for Thursday.

Mullins, officers said in a report, had shot Bob for straying onto his land. Spencer figures his other missing dogs met the same fate.

The case sheds light on what many hound-hunting groups say is a growing problem in the states where hounds are used to pursue white-tailed deer. Hunting hound groups are reporting more dogs missing. Expensive collars are being found without a dog in them, and more confrontations are taking place with still hunters - those who hunt from tree stands or ground blinds - and landowners.

While some might not agree with using hounds to hunt deer, killing the dogs is a felony unless there is proof that they are harming people or livestock. U

nless they witness the act, law enforcement officers can do little.

Meanwhile, frustration on both sides of the issue is growing.

Because charges rarely are filed, there are few documented cases of hunting dogs being killed or their GPS collars removed. The removal of the collars usually leaves the hounds lost - likely to starve or be hit by a vehicle - and is seen by many as being as cruel as killing them.

According to television station WXII in Winston-Salem, N.C., two men were charged with felonious cruelty to animals after an investigation found that they had shot and killed a hunting dog in Caswell County, N.C., last year.

The Post and Courier in Charleston, S.C., reported last year that a Florida man shot and killed Jason Finley's 12-year-old beagle, Meatball, while hunting. The man was charged with a felony under the state's 2010 Renegade Hunter Act.

Television station WLOX in Biloxi, Miss. reported last year that two hunting dogs were shot by a security officer at a Navy training facility.

And Speeddogs, a website dedicated to hunting hounds, has reports of dogs found dead or missing during the hunting season in North Carolina and Virginia. In one, John Pickin of Buckhill Kennels said he found his dog's collar 15 miles from where he had been hunting in Surry County. The collar, he said, "was found in Smithfield - 10 feet high in a tree."

Brandon Cochran described finding one of his dogs with a gunshot wound to the head in Amelia County.

The cases often are reported to the state game department, but most are handled by sheriff's departments.

"While they involve hunting dogs, they're really not hunting incidents," said Lt. Scott Naff of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. "We worked two incidents last year.

"But a lot of it simply goes unreported."

The problem stems from hunting hounds that bother still hunters or roam onto land where they are not wanted.

"It's not the dogs' fault," said Todd Barnes, an outdoorsman and conservationist whose family owns a large tract in southern Virginia Beach. "Most clubs do the right thing with land owners. But there's always that one group that ruins it for everybody.

"It's a personal property thing, and most respect that. But some keep using the 'dogs can't read no-trespassing signs' excuse and that simply doesn't hold water anymore."

Barnes said he hunted last year with a club in Ahoskie, N.C., that left him impressed.

"They were awesome... how they worked the dogs and kept up with them," he said. "Hunting with dogs is the most effective tool for herd management, and I don't want to see an end to it. But some people obviously are getting fed up with the people who don't do things the right way."

Still, Barnes said, shooting a dog is not the solution, unless it is injured or is endangering animals.

"I know it's happened in Virginia Beach," Barnes said. "It happened when dogs strayed and got into a horse pasture and chased the horses around. The (horse) owner shot the dogs, and it's legal in that sense."

One case occurred in Southampton County in 2010, when Michael Capell of Courtland was charged with killing a hound he said threatened his horses.

In court, Capell and his wife, Gretchen Lynn Greene, provided the judge with documents outlining years of complaints against a hunt club. They showed the judge veterinarian bills from when two of their horses injured themselves avoiding the dogs. The couple has filed civil trespassing charges against a member of the club.

"The court was sympathetic to the horse farmers," said Maj. Gene Drewrey of the Southampton County Sheriff's Department. "In general, there is a difference in acceptance in hunting dogs than there used to be.

"The landscape has changed."

Greene said she and her husband try to ward off hounds by shooting into the ground. She said the incident where the dog was killed was an accident.

"It made us sick that the dog was killed," she said. "But I'm going to protect my horses, and the law gives me the right to do so."

Jimmy Hazel is a former game department board member who lives on 300 acres near Charlottesville. He understands, but for different reasons.

"It's a real problem," Hazel said. "The first year on my property, we were still hunting and there were dogs all over the place... a huge pack of hounds that pushed all the deer off the property.

"A lot of these problems are created because of state statutes that the game department can't readily do much about.

"Because all sides feel frustrated, there is the potential for situations to explode."

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Tobacco board spent \$116M in '12 to revitalize Virginia rural industrial, ag losses

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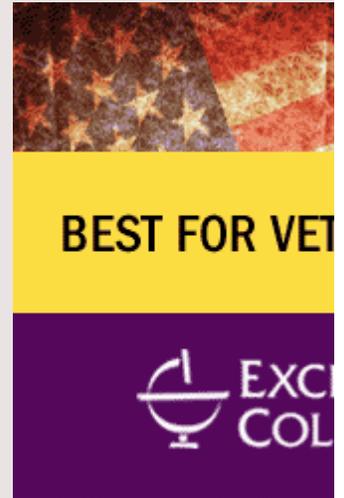
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RICHMOND, Virginia — A commission created to spark development in southwest and Southside Virginia spent more than \$116 million in the last fiscal year to change the landscape of the state's rural communities hurt by manufacturing and agricultural job losses, according to the panel's most recent annual report released ahead of a Tuesday meeting in Richmond.

The Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission uses bond money from Virginia's share of the \$206 billion national settlement against the tobacco industry to target communities that have the highest unemployment rates. Since its creation in 1999, the 31-member panel chaired by Del. Terry G. Kilgore of Scott County, has approved about 1,525 grants for agribusiness, education, research and development, economic development and other special projects.

In fiscal year 2012, the commission approved 124 grants, including \$28 million to help build industrial and commercial "mega-sites" to attract new businesses and more than \$16 million to fund energy and biotechnology research. The commission also completed its role of paying out about \$479 million to tobacco growers affected by programs that limited and stabilized the amount of tobacco they produced.

Additionally, it paid out a portion of one of its largest investments to help fund Liberty University's new Center for Medical and Health Sciences, a \$40 million facility for programs aimed at developing health care professionals to practice in medically underserved areas. During the fiscal year that ended June 30, it awarded \$12 million of its intended \$20.5 million investment for the Lynchburg facility set for completion in 2014.



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Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr. and Dr. Ronnie B. Martin, the dean of the School of Osteopathic Medicine, said the commission's funding was critical to making the new center a reality.

"Sixty-seven percent of the people in southern and southwest Virginia live in health profession shortage areas, so being able to help increase access to quality medical care is a key factor in economic development as well as the quality of life for those individuals," Martin said.

The commission also has provided grants for numerous economic development projects, including \$2.7 million to help fund South Boston Energy LLC's construction of a 50-megawatt biomass electric generating facility in Halifax County and \$1 million to assist Danville with recruiting Web Parts LLC to relocate its computer programming, applications and data center operation there that is expected to create 260 jobs within three years.

It also approved \$800,000 in funds to assist Hampton-based Faneuil Inc. with opening a customer care center for Dominion Virginia Power that's expected to create 150 jobs.

While some praise the commission's contributions to help close business deals and improve conditions in Virginia's tobacco communities, the commission's work hasn't come without controversy in recent years. Following calls for greater oversight, legislation that went into effect in July allows the state Inspector General to review the commission's work and investigate allegations of fraudulent, illegal or inappropriate activities concerning the panel's funds.

A June 2011 study by the General Assembly's investigative arm said the commission signed off on millions of dollars in economic development projects with a sketchy understanding of them, and some yielded little or no benefit in the state's poorest region. The 180-page report said there was no way to measure outcomes for nearly 90 percent of the commission's grants.

But, the report said, Southside and Southwest Virginia — regions of the state hit hard declines in tobacco, textile and other manufacturing industries the past 20 years — clearly benefited from commission support for scholarships, job training and the deployment of high speed Internet.

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