

State Regulations

- ▶ SB1291 - Water Audit Plan and Leak Detection/Repair Plan
 - ▶ Every application for a surface water withdrawal shall include a water auditing plan and a leak detection/repair plan before DEQ can approve an application
- ▶ HB1849 - Apprenticeship programs
 - ▶ Convenes a workgroup to evaluate whether a requirement to limit public procurements to bidders with registered apprenticeship programs would assist the construction industry in meeting its workforce needs - report due 9/1/21

WORKGROUPS

- ▶ Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area
- ▶ Water Supply Planning

Lead Elimination Assistance Program

- ▶ Due: 4/30/21
- ▶ Previously known as the Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) Program
- ▶ Funded through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program
- ▶ The new application is still under construction
- ▶ Website: [Drinking Water Funding Program Details & Application - Drinking Water \(virginia.gov\)](#)

Federal Low Income Customer Assistance Program Proposal

- ▶ \$500 million for Low Income Water Customer Assistance Program administered by the Department of Health and Human Services (working with the EPA)
- ▶ Additional relief funding included by the House:
 - ▶ A new round of \$350 billion in state and local funding
 - ▶ An additional \$25 billion for rental assistance, including water utilities; and
 - ▶ \$10 billion for homeowner assistance, including water utilities