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1985 CAUCUS CONFERENCE SET OCTOBER 24-25, 1985

Bernard's Landing, located on Smith Mountain Lake in Franklin County, has again been chosen as the site for the 1985 Rural Planning Caucus Annual Conference. The Conference will be held on Thursday and Friday, October 24-25, 1985.

The Conference Committee chose this site because evaluations from last year's meeting there were so positive. The scenic rural atmosphere, plus the excellent facilities, make this the perfect location for this event.

Facilities at Bernard's Landing include a conference center which accommodates up to 140 people, a year-round swimming pool, tennis and racquetball courts, and a club house with exercise room, sauna, jacuzzi, and big screen television.

The Conference Committee is working on an exciting agenda with topics to include mobile homes and the intervention by the state in local government regulation of them; stress and time management; new hazardous waste regulations and their effect on local government; and Environmental Protection Agency mandates and their effect on local government.

We feel this will be an informative and worthwhile meeting. Mark your calendars and make your plans to attend now!

SMALL QUANTITY GENERATORS OF HAZARDOUS WASTE

On November 8, 1984, President Reagan signed into law amendments to the

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). This legislation addresses the problems of hazardous waste management, and applies to all individuals, companies, organizations and businesses.

It is the responsibility of the generator to determine if his waste is hazardous, and to see to it that his hazardous waste is safely and properly transported, stored, treated and disposed of by the appropriate facility.

What is a hazardous waste? A hazardous waste is a solid waste which is: (1) specifically listed by chemical name, or manufacturing process, in the Virginia Hazardous Waste Management Regulations; or (2) meets any one of the following characteristics for a hazardous waste--ignitability, corrosivity, reactivity, or toxicity. Because of the changes to the RCRA, small businesses that generate between 100 kgs (220 lbs) and 1,000 kgs (2,200 lbs) of hazardous waste must utilize the Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest Form, starting August 8, 1985, to ship their hazardous wastes off-site.

The manifest form asks the small quantity generator of the waste to provide the following information:

- * Name and address of his company/facility.
- * A description of the waste, according to U.S. Department of Transportation regulations, including the amounts of wastes being shipped.
- * Identification of the treatment, storage, or disposal facility where the wastes will be taken.
- * Identification of the transporter of the wastes.

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FIRST CERTIFIED COMMUNITY NAMED

The City of South Boston and the County of Halifax are the first community to successfully complete the Virginia Community Certification Program. Governor Charles S. Robb met with William Kent, Mayor of South Boston and O.B. John Tate, Chairman of the Halifax County Board of Supervisors and other local officials to present the Certification document.

The Certification Program is designed to help communities improve job opportunities and increase capital investment by becoming more attractive to industry. Forty-six communities are currently enrolled in the program, which was created and is administered by the Virginia Department of Economic Development.

"Certification status assures a community of its readiness for the highly competitive industrial development marketplace. Virginia's standards for certification are among the toughest in the nation, and a community that successfully completes these requirements has made an important step towards economic growth," said Scott Eubanks, Director of the Department.

Grouped into seven standards, the 31 individual requirements cover the local economic development organization; community information; quality of life; local contact team; financing; local existing industry; and sites and buildings.

Communities which become certified will be assigned priority status by the Department when making recommendations to prospective industries. Public recognition as a community ready for economic investment, special attention in the Department's advertising program and a highway sign attesting to the Certified status of the community will also be provided.

While South Boston and Halifax County have achieved Certification, the community continues to prepare for economic development. The Halifax County Industrial Development Authority

is currently requesting proposals for the design and construction of a 60,000 square foot building. The building will be constructed for speculative purposes on a 5.6 acre lot in the Halifax County/South Boston Industrial Park. In addition, the Lasco Division of Philips Industries, Inc. broke ground in the industrial park on March 28 for a \$6.5 million, 150,000 square foot manufacturing plant which will employ 200 people.

If you have any questions with regard to the Virginia Community Certification Program, please contact:

Elizabeth J. Moran
Community Services Representative
Department of Economic Development
1000 Washington Building
Richmond, Virginia 23219
(804) 786-3791.

INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS

Industrial revenue bonds have played a successful role in local development within the Commonwealth. There exist some 144 industrial development authorities throughout Virginia representing 148 jurisdictions. During the 18-year history of their availability, over \$6 billion worth of direct investment has been realized in Virginia. This figure does not represent the financial impact of jobs, payrolls, tax base, and supporting development.

The use of industrial revenue bonds has been controversial due to the tax exempt status they enjoy. Because the Federal government is looking for ways to reduce the deficit, the availability of small issue IRB's has been reduced.

The Deficit Reduction Act of 1984 has caused each state to issue additional rules and regulations regarding the availability of IRB's. In this regard, Governor Robb issued Executive Order Number 54 (85) on January 23, 1985, which will be in effect for calendar years 1985 and 1986.

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IRB Continued

The following points of the Executive Order are highlighted for your information.

1. Each county and city has been allocated \$75 per capita with a minimum of \$1 million going to each jurisdiction.
2. Towns must request their pro rata share from the governing body of the county by March 1 of each year. In any event, county IDA's can issue bonds for projects within towns.
3. Federal law prohibits allocations being carried over from year to year with certain exceptions.
4. Cities and counties must notify the Allocation Administrator by letter of their intent to use the local allocation. This notification must be received by May 15. The Allocation Administrator is the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.
5. After the local allocation has been committed, localities may apply to the State Reserve for additional allocations for specific projects.
6. A detailed set of rules exists which controls the granting of allocations from the State Reserve.
7. State Reserve allocations are made on a modified quarter system.
8. The sunset date for IRB small issues is December 31, 1986, except for manufacturing facilities which may be funded with IRB's through December 31, 1988.

This is a brief summary of pertinent points regarding IRB's. If you have questions, please contact:

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NEW MEMBERS

The Rural Planning Caucus of Virginia extends a hearty welcome to the following new member:

Rob Stalzer, County of Roanoke

TRANSITIONS

BILLY BECKETT, from County Administrator for Franklin County to County Administrator for Fayette County, Georgia.

RICHARD E. HUFF, JR., promoted from Assistant to the County Administrator to County Administrator for Franklin County.

WILLIAM C. PORTER, JR., from Assistant County Administrator for Stafford County to County Administrator for Louisa.

MEMBERSHIP COUPON RURAL PLANNING CAUCUS OF VIRGINIA

Please include my name in the official membership of the Rural Planning Caucus of Virginia. My check for \$5.00 is attached. (Make checks payable to the Rural Planning Caucus of Virginia.)

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Small Quantity (Continued)

By manifesting the hazardous waste, the generator must also label and package it according to U.S.D.O.T. Standards.

As of August 8, 1985, these wastes must go to either a hazardous waste storage, treatment or disposal facility, or to a State approved disposal facility approved to receive hazardous waste. As few such sanitary landfills are so approved, the small quantity generator must be assured, by the owner/operator of the facility, that its site can be used for the disposal of hazardous waste. (For more information on approved landfills contact Robert Wickline at the Bureau of Solid Waste Management (804) 225-2667.

It is anticipated that by March 31, 1986, the small quantity generator will no longer be able to send waste to a sanitary landfill, but must send waste to an approved TSD (treatment, storage, disposal) facility for hazardous waste management.

Finally, then, small businesses that generate hazardous waste, but have previously been unregulated, must now face certain responsibilities for managing their wastes. These include the use of the Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest and finding an approved facility to dispose of their hazardous waste.

If you have questions about disposal, please contact:

Bureau of Hazardous Waste Management
Virginia State Health Department
11th Floor Monroe Building
101 North 14th Street
Richmond, VA 23219
(804) 225-2667

VIRGINIA HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY SITING BOARD

During its 1984 Session, the General Assembly of Virginia enacted the Virginia Hazardous Waste Facilities Siting Act, Chapter 171, Section 10.1-21, Code of Virginia. In its findings and policy, the General Assembly stated that "...the improper treatment,

storage and disposal of hazardous waste is detrimental to public health, natural resources and the environment; that adequate capacity in safe and environmentally acceptable facilities for the treatment, storage and disposal of hazardous wastes is essential to the economic growth and well being of industries;...and that it is necessary to establish a process for the rational siting of hazardous waste facilities...

To facilitate the siting process, the Act provided for the creation of the Virginia Hazardous Waste Facility Siting Board. The members of the Board are Ms. Joan McCallum, Chairperson, Lynchburg, Local Government Representative; Mr. William L. Kovacs, Vice Chairperson, Great Falls, Environmental Representative; Dr. James Bowles, Sandy Hook, Public Health Representative; Mr. Richard L. Cook, Richmond, Industry Representative; Mr. Hugh C. Cosner, Fredericksburg, Local Government Representative; Mrs. Frances R. Kieffer, Fairfax, Citizen-at-Large; and Mr. M. Fleming Ring, Jr., Daleville, Local Governmental Representative.

The Board's primary responsibility is to grant or deny certification of site approval for construction of hazardous waste facilities. The Board does not have the responsibility to locate sites within the Commonwealth, but rather evaluates proposals by applicants for the construction/development of facilities.

Currently, the Board is in the process of preparing criteria for the siting of hazardous waste facilities to evaluate proposals. If you have any questions or comments or would like to have your name or organization's name placed on the Board's mailing list, please contact:

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James Monroe Building, 17th floor
101 North 14th Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219
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SOMETHING NEW/UNIQUE?

Do you have a new or unique program or project that you would like to share with other Rural Planning Caucus of Virginia members? If so, why not describe it for publication in the Rural Review? Send your article to:

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HELP US KEEP THE RURAL PLANNING CAUCUS MAILING LIST UP-TO-DATE BY USING THIS FORM TO NOTIFY US OF A CHANGE IN ADDRESS OR JOB OR TO CORRECT INFORMATION ON YOUR EXISTING MAILING LABEL.

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