

Dataset Summary

This DEQ data layer displays the facility locations of Virginia Environmental Excellence Program (VEEP) members. VEEP is a voluntary program with two distinct tracks. Facilities in the VEEP EMS Track are recognized by DEQ for going beyond regulatory compliance by establishing and maintaining an Environmental Management System (EMS). The other VEEP Track is called Sustainability Partners (SP). The VEEP SP Track recognizes facilities for their efforts to move toward environmental sustainability.

This data includes the name of a VEEP membership, all the facilities within that membership, a differentiating number signifying the VEEP Track and level of membership within that track if appropriate. Also included is the date a member joined the program, status in program and a description of the type of member.

VIRGINIA ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

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Dataset Description and Purpose

This DEQ map indicates the locations of facilities currently in VEEP. These facilities have voluntarily joined VEEP and are recognized by DEQ as environmental leaders in the Commonwealth. The map depicts the length of time a facility has been in VEEP (join date), the VEEP Track (EMS or SP Track) that they belong to as well as the level achieved in that Track. Lastly, the map includes a more specific breakdown of the private or public description and membership status of that facility. See Data Dictionary / Field Information for more details.

Resource Constraints / Use Limitations

VEEP membership is constantly in flux. VEEP EMS Track members may apply to VEEP at any time during the year. They may also withdraw or be dismissed from the program at any time during the year. Furthermore, EMS Track members must reapply to the program at three-year intervals. VEEP Sustainability Partners apply or reapply to the program annually, therefore the SP membership may change from year to year. Some VEEP memberships may be comprised of many facilities that may not regulated by DEQ, due to the limited value in tracking these non-regulated entities and fluctuations in membership these non-regulated facilities may not be fully represented in this data set.

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Data Quality

The accuracy of this dataset is based on information provided to DEQ by VEEP applicants and checked against existing GIS information possessed by DEQ, if available.

Update Cycle:

The dataset is updated daily.

Spatial Reference Information

EPSG 3857: WGS 84 / Web Mercator – Spherical Mercator: https://epsg.io/3857

Dataset Credits:

The dataset is owned by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Prevention.

Data Dictionary / Field Information

Field Name	Field Alias	Field Summary
FAC_ID	Facility ID	Unique ID assigned to each facility in the database.
MEMBERSHIP_NAME	Membership Name	Name representing a facility or facilities in VEEP.
FACILITY_NAME	Facility Name	Facility name represents an individual facility that may be a standalone VEEP member or an individual member of a larger VEEP membership
VEEP_LEVEL	VEEP Level	Denotes the specific VEEP Track or Track(s) of a member and/or facility. Sustainability Partners (SP) or Environmental Management System (EMS) Track.
VEEP_NUMBER	VEEP Number	E2, E3 and E4 represent ascending levels of achievement in the VEEP EMS Track. Each level has a unique number associated with it that identifies the facility or facilities covered by the membership at that level. SP represents the Sustainability Partner Track. There is only one level of SP. Each SP member has a unique number associated with it that identifies the facility or facilities covered by that membership.
DATE_JOINED	Date Joined	The date the facility was accepted into VEEP.

MEMBER_TYPE	Member Type	A brief description of the ownership/ function of the facility. Authority, Commercial, Government - City, Government - County, Government – Federal, Government – Local/District/Municipality, Government – State, Government- Tribal, Private Owned
MEMBERSHIP_TYPE	Membership Type	A VEEP member may have just been accepted to VEEP for the first time (New) or continuing an existing membership (Renewal).
MEMBERSHIP_STATUS	Membership Status	A membership may be 'Pending' which means an application to join or renew participation in VEEP is under review or 'Approved'. An Approved application has successfully completed the application review process.
IN_GOOD_STANDING	In Good Standing	There are requirements that must be met in order to maintain good standing in the program. To not be in good standing means that the facility is not meeting program requirements and may not be eligible for program benefits. (Yes or No)