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Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority (MRSWA) and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) have entered into a new phase of the Virginia Environmental Excellence Program (VEEP). This innovative partnership program for a more sustainable Virginia is aimed at improving environmental performance and stewardship through a beyond-compliance collaboration with the DEQ. It is open to any facility that impacts the environment through its operations, activities, processes, or location. The facility must have a good track record of sustained regulatory compliance and demonstrate a collaborative attitude in improving the environment and the economy of the Commonwealth. The basis of this program is that better environmental management makes good business sense.

MRSWA is now at the E3 phase which is The Exemplary Environmental Enterprise level. The VEEP is a way for DEQ to recognize and drive environmental excellence by encouraging facilities that have comprehensive, forward-looking management, to go above and beyond in their stewardship of the environment through a fully-implemented EMS. MRSWA will be expected to complete several components in order to fulfill the E3 requirements. They include: a fully implemented Environmental Management System (EMS); providing documented results; completing an EMS self-assessment; and developing procedures for communicating environmental information to the public. Participants in this program must set, track, and report on goals and are expected to demonstrate documented results.