



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY / DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AND

THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

FOR

CENTRALIZED BURNING OF VEGETATIVE DEBRIS FROM VDOT

ROADSIDE MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS

THIS UNDERSTANDING is entered into by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) as authorized under 9 VAC 5-130-60 to ensure that VDOT maintenance operations involving centralized burning of vegetative debris is performed in a safe and consistent manner, is protective of human health and the environment, and is performed in accordance with the Air Quality and Solid Waste Regulations of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Whereas, VDEQ is charged with the responsibility to require proper management of solid wastes generated in the Commonwealth and to control air pollution emissions in the Commonwealth; and

Whereas, VDOT is charged with the duty to construct, reconstruct, alter, maintain, and repair highways and to maintain a safe and efficient transportation system in the Commonwealth; and

Whereas, VDOT, via its Maintenance Program, is responsible for the statewide control of vegetation along the transportation systems to:

- Afford safe travel for motorists and to ensure adequate sight distance on the roadway,
- Ensure unobstructed views of signs and other roadside appurtenances,
- Ensure vegetation along the transportation systems is not a fire hazard; and