

**Objectives and Test Questions for the Presentation by Sarah W. on  
“An Ecological Framework for Reviewing Compensatory Mitigation: Oversight and Compliance”**

**Objective #1** – Learn about Virginia’s oversight and compliance program.

**Objective #2** – Learn about some oversight and compliance tools at the state of Virginia level.

**Objective #3** – Learn how Virginia works with sponsors, permittees and other agencies to provide oversight and compliance.

**Five test questions**

1. Which of the following statements are true? (select all that apply)
  - A. Virginia does not have any independent regulatory authority for stand-alone wetlands or streams.
  - B. Virginia’s state laws and regulations include the Virginia Water Protection Permit Program and the Virginia Tidal Wetland Banking Guidelines.
  - C. Virginia’s laws and regulations provide the bulk of mitigation requirements are very complimentary to the Army Corps and EPA Final Mitigation Rule.
  - D. Virginia’s laws and regulations are very unique to the Army Corps and EPA Final Mitigation Rule.
  - E. Virginia has only been regulating impacts to stand-alone wetlands and streams since they developed the 2018 Mitigation Banking Instrument template.

**Answer:** B and C

2. The most decisive tool is an approved and signed \_\_\_\_\_. (Fill in the blank)
  - A. Mitigation Banking Instrument.
  - B. Site protection agreement.
  - C. Financial assurance.
  - D. Long-term management plan.
  - E. As-built report.

**Answer:** A

3. If the Virginia IRT determines that the Sponsor is in noncompliance with any provision of the Mitigation Banking Instrument or the mitigation site is otherwise not meeting Performance Standards, the IRT Chairs may do what? (select all that apply)
  - A. Suspend credit sales.
  - B. Initiate adaptive management.
  - C. Decrease available credits.
  - D. Utilize financial assurances.
  - E. Terminate the instrument.

**Answer:** All of the above.

4. The Virginia DEQ uses spreadsheets to track which of the activities below? (select all that apply)
- A. Financial assurances.
  - B. Credit releases.
  - C. Monitoring and maintenance reports.
  - D. Mitigation type.
  - E. Long-term management activities.

**Answer:** A, B, C and D

5. Which of the following are other tools that Virginia DEQ uses to track/ensure compliance? (select all that apply)
- A. Internal audits with credit sales statements in RIBITS.
  - B. Hidden wildlife video cameras.
  - C. IRT meetings to discuss time sensitive compliance issues.
  - D. Third party agencies.
  - E. Site visits.

**Answer:** A, C and E