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Virginia Energy Geologists to Conduct Field Research in Greater Richmond Area & Parts of Southwest Virginia

*Geographic Mapping Data will be Used in Land Planning Decisions and by
Commonwealth Residents*

Richmond, VA – A team of geologists from the Virginia Department of Energy (Virginia Energy) will be conducting field research across the Commonwealth to create detailed geologic maps of Virginia's bedrock, mineral resources, and geological conditions.

These maps provide a critical service to Virginia's communities and businesses. They guide resource management, inform land-use decisions, and support economic growth while helping Virginia Energy safeguard public safety.

This fieldwork will take place periodically from now through August 30, 2025, in areas of Amelia, Bland, Brunswick, Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Nottoway, Powhatan, Richmond City, Smyth, and Wythe Counties.

During this time, Virginia Energy will notify available landowners whose property is part of the geological survey. Geologists will often focus on streams and rock outcrops and may collect small samples for laboratory testing. They are fully insured and covered under the [Code of Virginia](#) to perform these duties.

This research is part of a multi-year effort to produce geologic maps of targeted areas of Virginia as part of the [United States Geologic Survey STATEMAP program](#). All of Virginia Energy's geological maps and data are available [online](#).

If you have questions or concerns about the geologic field mapping research, you may call (434) 951-6340 or email vaenergy@energy.virginia.gov.

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