

# Industrial Hemp Industry Development Working Group

July 14 – 2:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Hosted by VDACS

- 2:30 Call meeting to order, welcome, overview and participant introduction  
~ *Stephen Versen, Program Manager, VDACS Office of Agriculture and Forestry Development*
- 2:50 Presentation: Overview of Industrial Hemp in Virginia  
~ *Erin Williams, Hemp Program Manager, VDACS Office of Policy, Planning, and Research*
- 3:00 Presentation: Industrial Hemp Industry Overview, Opportunities and Challenges  
~ *Eric Steenstra, President of Vote Hemp*
- 3:20 Question and answer session with Mr. Steenstra and Ms. Williams
- 3:40 Discussion of broad trends and overall direction of the industry
- 4:00 Discussion/input on areas specified in legislation:  
(i) federal and state requirements;  
(ii) industry overview, key drivers and challenges;  
(vi) manufacturing companies and supply chain requirements.
- 4:20 Final comments, detail next steps
- 4:30 Public comment period
- 5:00 Adjourn

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**10. If there were any presentations (PowerPoint, etc.), were you able to hear and see them?**

Poorly  
1      2      3      4      5  
Clearly

COMMENT \_\_\_\_\_

**11. Were the members as attentive and did they participate as much as you would have expected?**

Less  
1      2      3      4      5  
More

COMMENT \_\_\_\_\_

**12. Were there differences you noticed in how the members interacted?**

**With the other members present:**

Very Different  
1      2      3      4      5  
No Difference

**With members participating from other locations:**

Very Different  
1      2      3      4      5  
No Difference

**With the public:**

Very Different  
1      2      3      4      5  
No Difference

COMMENT \_\_\_\_\_

**13. Did you feel the technology was a help or a hindrance?**

Hindered  
1      2      3      4      5  
Helped

COMMENT \_\_\_\_\_

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Poor  
1      2      3      4      5  
Excellent

COMMENT \_\_\_\_\_

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