



News Release

VIRGINIA MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION RECRUITS NEW ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR

-- Bob Robinson selected to lead VMA Environmental Affairs --

RICHMOND – The Virginia Manufacturers Association (VMA) would like to announce the selection of Robert J. Robinson as Environmental Affairs Director. The VMA’s purpose is to encourage and support the industries located within the Commonwealth of Virginia, to afford a medium for cooperation among those industries and to initiate, encourage, foster and promote constructive policies and activities on behalf of industry. Said President Brett A. Vassey, “Bob is uniquely qualified for this position because of his outstanding work in the energy and chemical industries. His decision to come to the VMA is exciting and will anchor our Environmental Practice. Bob will be able to not only provide expert counsel to key legislative and regulatory bodies, coming from a first-hand point of view, but he will also be able to extend his expertise in environmental affairs and permitting to VMA Members. This is of inestimable value to many of our SMEs and an incentive for many to join the VMA.”

Bob brings over 35 years of varied experience to the VMA. He most recently worked as the Virginia/Tennessee State Environmental Affairs Manager for American Electric Power Service Corporation (AEP). Previously, he worked for Appalachian Power Company, where he served as Environmental Affairs Director, which included administering the company’s environmental permitting, compliance regulatory development and legislative programs for nine operating divisions, six steam plants and 11 hydro facilities in VA and WV. Bob also spent 10 years as a performance engineer, production chemist and R&D technician with Ohio Power, Allied Chemical Company and Union Carbide Corporation. He holds a B.S. in Chemistry from West Liberty State College and a Masters in Administration from Lynchburg College. Bob serves on the Keep Virginia Beautiful Board of Directors and the Virginia Naturally K-12 Subcommittee.