The Environmental Law Group (E.L.G.) is an organization of law students at the College of William and Mary, with the common goal of protecting our natural heritage through education and research into the law. The Group was formed in 1972 and since that time has grown into one of the permanent organizations of the School of Law. Its advisor is Professor Scott Whitney, whose expertise has been invaluable to the research function of the Group, and who has been a major reason for the continuing vitality of the E.L.G.

With the publication of this newsletter the E.L.G. moves into a new area. We hope to provide articles of general interest and practical value to the practitioner. This is not intended to be a chronicle of activities of the E.L.G. or an environmental treatise, but rather a legal tool and a forum of information for the interested lawyer. It is our belief that the environment can be better protected if information concerning it is more readily available and widely disseminated. Only if use can be made of the Environmental Practice News will it be deemed a success.

We have mailed this initial issue to law schools, City and Commonwealth's Attorneys, conservation organizations, and a selection of individual practitioners in Virginia. Its limited circulation has been spread throughout the Commonwealth as evenly as possible. If for any reason you or your office cannot use the information this newsletter contains, please feel free to give it to another lawyer who might be interested, or drop us a line with your comments. If you do not desire to receive the newsletter, please so indicate on the form enclosed. Comments can be sent to:

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The Environmental Law Group hopes that you will find the Environmental Practice News useful and interesting. We look forward to your comments and suggestions.