



## Inspection Report

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Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center  
717 General Booth Blvd.  
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Customer ID: **1866**

Certificate: **52-C-0120**

Site: 001

Virginia Aquarium & Marine  
Science Center

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 13-AUG-2025

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#### Facilities, indoor.

The drain in the North American river otter indoor holding is not constructed in a manner to prevent back-up of sewage. In October 2023, during construction on the main building adjacent to the otter enclosure and indoor housing, sewage from the main sewage line backed up out of the floor drain in indoor river otter housing. The facility identified a problem with the city's sewage lift system which was corrected. The otter was in temporary housing at the time of this backup. On August 2, 2025, sewage once again backed up out of the drain in indoor otter holding but was remedied within several hours. The otter was not inside at the time and was kept outside until the situation was corrected. Sewage that backs-up out of a drain into an indoor holding facility for animals can expose animals to increased disease risks and increased ammonia levels in the air. Correct by 28 August 2025 by ensuring that all indoor housing facilities are constructed in a manner to avoid foul odors and installed so as to prevent any backup of sewage.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the attending veterinarian and facilities manager.

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**Species Inspected**

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
1866	52-C-0120	001	Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center	13-AUG-2025

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Lontra canadensis</i>	NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER
000001	<b>Total</b>	