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The Honorable Robert G. Burnley, Director
Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
629 East Main Street
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Re: Proposed Amendments to Water Quality Standards:
Designation of Portions of the Cowpasture River and Simpson Creek as Exceptional
State Waters, 9 VAC 25-260;
Designation of Tributaries and Portions of the Pedlar and North Fork of the Buffalo
Rivers as Exceptional State Waters, 9 VAC 25-260;

Dear Director Burnley:

I have reviewed the above-referenced regulations. Based upon your agency's representations, it is my opinion that the State Water Control Board has authority to promulgate the regulations under applicable law, including Chapter 3.1 of Title 62.1 of the Code of Virginia.

If I may be of any further assistance to you relating to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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