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MEMORANDUM

TO: David A. Johnson, Director
Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation

FROM: Matthew L. Gooch
Assistant Attorney General

DATE: October 3, 2012

RE: Exempt regulations: Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act
Designation and Management Regulations (from CBLAB)
(9VAC10-20) (transfer to SWCB) (9VAC50-90 - new chapter).

I have reviewed the above-referenced final exempt regulations. It is my opinion that the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board has authority to adopt these final regulations based upon applicable law, including Article 1.1 of Chapter 6 of Title 10.1 of the Code of Virginia. It is my view that these regulations are exempt under Article 2 of the Administrative Process Act, Virginia Code § 2.2-4006, as necessary to conform to changes in Virginia statutory law where no agency discretion is involved, § 2.2-4006(A)(4)(a), and as consisting only of changes in style or form or correction of technical errors, § 2.2-4006(A)(3).

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