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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** David Paylor, Director

Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

**FROM:** Matthew L. Gooch

**Assistant Attorney General** 

**DATE:** September 25, 2017

**RE:** Fast-track revisions to public participation guidelines

I have reviewed the above-referenced fast-track amendments to the regulations of the State Air Pollution Control Board. It is my opinion that the Board has the authority to adopt these regulations based upon applicable law, including Article 1 of Chapter 13 of Title 10.1 of the Code of Virginia, and specifically, Code § 10.1-1308, as well as Code § 2.2-4007.02. The regulations do not exceed the Board's rulemaking authority.

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