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MEMORANDUM

TO: David A. Johnson, Director

Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation

FROM: Matthew L. Gooch

Assistant Attorney General

DATE: June 26, 2013

RE: Fast-track Nutrient Management Training and Certification Regulations,

4 VAC 5-15.

I have reviewed the above-referenced fast-track regulations regarding amending the application rates in the Virginia Nutrient Management Standards and Criteria, which are incorporated into the Nutrient Management Training and Certification Regulations, 4VAC5-15. It is my opinion that the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation has authority to adopt these regulations based upon applicable law, including Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 10.1 of the Code of Virginia, and specifically, Code § 10.1-104.2:1.

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

cc: David C. Dowling, Policy and Planning Director