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The Honorable David K. Paylor, Director Virginia Department of Environmental Quality 629 East Main Street Richmond, Virginia 23219

Re:

Authority to Promulgate Amendments to the Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) Permit Regulation (9 VAC 25-31) and the Virginia Stormwater Management Program (VSMP) Regulation (9 VAC 25-870)

## Dear Director Paylor:

I have reviewed the amendments to the above-referenced regulations. It is my opinion that the State Water Control Board has the authority to promulgate the amendments to the regulations under Chapter 3.1 of Title 62.1 of the Code of Virginia. It is also my view that these amendments are exempt from the requirements of Article 2 of the Administrative Process Act pursuant Va. Code §§ 2.2-4006(A)(4)(a) and 2.2-4006(A)(4)(c).

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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**Assistant Attorney General**