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Re: 4 VAC 40-11 Public Participation Guidelines

Dear All:

I have reviewed the Department of Forensic Science's regulation as identified above. In my view, as counsel to the Department, I concur that the Department has legal authority to promulgate these regulations pursuant to §§ 2.2-4007.02 and 9.1-1110 of the Code of Virginia.

The regulations do not appear to conflict with the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia, nor do they appear to conflict with any federal or state law currently in effect. This approval addresses legal matters only and is not intended to serve, nor should it be construed, as a comment for or against the merits of the action.

Sincerely,

/s/ Erik R. Smith
Assistant Attorney General