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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: December 22, 2022

SUBJECT: Periodic Review of Rules and Regulations Governing the Transportation of Hazardous Materials Through Bridge-Tunnel Facilities, 24 VAC 30-61

In my capacity as legal counsel for the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Commonwealth Transportation Board, it is my legal opinion that the Rules and Regulations Governing the Transportation of Hazardous Materials Through Bridge-Tunnel Facilities does not appear, on its face, to conflict with the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia, nor does it appear to conflict with federal or state law currently in effect.

Virginia Code § 33.2-210 provides that the Commonwealth Transportation Board has the power and duty to make regulations that are not in conflict with the laws of the Commonwealth for the protection of and covering traffic on and for the use of systems of state highways and shall have the authority to add to, amend, or repeal such regulations. Further, the Commonwealth Transportation Board is specifically authorized, on behalf of the Virginia Department of Transportation, to adopt the Rules and Regulations Governing the Transportation of Hazardous Materials Through Bridge-Tunnel Facilities pursuant to Virginia Code § 33.2-300.

This memorandum addresses legal matters only and is not intended as a comment for or against the merits of the proposed regulations.