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The Honorable David K. Paylor, Director Virginia Department of Environmental Quality 1111 East Main Street Richmond, Virginia 23219

Re: Periodic Review of the State Water Control Board's Virginia Financial Responsibility Requirements for Mitigation Associated with Tidal Dredging Projects (9 VAC 25-770 et seq.)

Dear Director Paylor:

I have reviewed the above-referenced regulation. It is my opinion that the State Water Control Board has the statutory authority for the regulation pursuant to Chapter 3.1 of Title 62.1 of the Code of Virginia.

This certification 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 regulation.

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

Sincerely,

David C. Grandis

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Senior Assistant Attorney General