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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 Amended Regulation, 9 VAC 25-71 - Final Adoption, Governing the Discharge of Sewage and Other Wastes from Boats

Dear Director Paylor:

I have reviewed the above-referenced regulation. Based upon your agency's representations, it is my opinion that the State Water Control Board has authority to promulgate the regulations under applicable law, including Chapter 3.1 of Title 62.1 of the Code of Virginia. Based upon your agency's representations, it is also my view that under Va. Code § 2.2-4006.A.4.c, the regulations are excluded from Article 2 of the Virginia Administrative Process Act.

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

Sincerely,

Alfred B. Albiston Assistant Attorney General

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