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The Honorable David K. Paylor, Director
Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
629 East Main Street
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Small Renewable Energy Projects (Solar) Permit by Rule

Dear Director Paylor:

I have reviewed the proposed *Small Renewable Energy Project (Solar) Permit by Rule*, 9 VAC 15-60-10 through 9 VAC 15-60-140. The Small Renewable Energy Project Regulations are being promulgated pursuant to Virginia Code § 10.1-1197.5 through 10.1-1197.11. It is my view that the Department of Environmental Quality has legal authority to promulgate these regulations pursuant to *Code of Virginia* § 10.1-1197.5 through 10.1-1197.11.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kerri L. Nicholas".

Kerri L. Nicholas
Assistant Attorney General

cc: Carol C. Wampler, Department of Environmental Quality