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

Re: Authority to Promulgate Amendments to the Water Quality Management Planning Regulation (9 VAC 25-720 et seq.)

Dear Director Paylor:

I have reviewed the amendments to the above-referenced regulation. It is my opinion that the State Water Control Board has authority to promulgate the amendments to the regulation under applicable law including Chapter 3.1 of Title 62.1 of the Code of Virginia. It is also my view that the amendments are exempt from Article 2 of the Administrative Process Act pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-4006(A)(14).

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

Sincerely,

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