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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Kathleen R. Nosbisch, Executive Director  
Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals, and Geologists  
Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation

**From:** Joshua E. Laws  
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**Date:** October 11, 2024

**Subject:** Letter of Assurance for General Review of Regulations for the Geology Certification Program – Proposed Amendments to Regulations for the Geology Certification Program found at 18 VAC 145-40

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I have reviewed the Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals, and Geologists Proposed Amendments to Regulations for the Geology Certification Program found at 18 VAC 145-40 that were posted on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall on October 7, 2024. In my view, as counsel to the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation and the Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals, and Geologists, these regulations may be promulgated pursuant to Title 54.1 of the Code of Virginia. The regulations do not appear to conflict with the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia, nor do they appear to conflict with any federal or state law currently in effect.

This memorandum 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 proposed regulations.