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MEMORANDUM

TO: David Paylor, Director

Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

FROM: Matthew L. Gooch

Assistant Attorney General

DATE: December 10, 2015

RE: Amendments to update regulations that incorporate by reference

provision of CFR, 9VAC5-60

I have reviewed the above-referenced amendments to the regulations of the State Air Pollution Control Board. It is my opinion that the Board has the authority to adopt these regulations based upon applicable law, including Article 1 of Chapter 13 of Title 10.1 of the Code of Virginia, and specifically, Code § 10.1-1308. The regulations do not exceed the Board's rulemaking authority. It is further my opinion that this action is exempt from Article 2 of the Administrative Process Act, pursuant to Code § 2.2-4006(A)(4)(c), because the regulations are necessary to meet the requirements of federal law or regulations and do not differ materially from those required by federal law or regulation.

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