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

Re: Designated Groundwater Management Areas Regulation (9 VAC 25-600, et seq.)

Dear Director Paylor:

I have reviewed the above-referenced regulations. It is my opinion that the State Water Control Board has the statutory authority for the regulations pursuant to Chapter 25 of Title 62.1 of the Code of Virginia and further that the regulations do not exceed the authority to regulate granted as set out in the enabling legislation.

This certification 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 regulations.

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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Senior Assistant Attorney General