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The Honorable David K. Paylor, Director Virginia Department of Environmental Quality 629 East Main Street Richmond, Virginia 23219

> Amendments to Water Quality Standards Pursuant to Mandated Triennial Review, Re: Proposed Amendments - 9 VAC 25-260

Dear Director Paylor:

I have reviewed the above-referenced proposed amendments to the Water Quality Standards, drafted pursuant to federal and state requirements to undergo such review once every three years. Based upon your agency's representations, it is my opinion that the State Water Control Board has authority to promulgate the amendments under applicable law, including Chapter 3.1 of Title 62.1 of the Code of Virginia.

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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cc:

Cindy Berndt