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

> Re: Authority to Amend Water Quality Standards Regulation, 9 VAC 25-260-Triennial Review

Dear Director Paylor:

I have reviewed the proposed amendments arising from the triennial review of the Water Quality Standards Regulation. Based upon your agency's representations, it is my opinion that the State Water Control Board has authority to approve the proposed amendments based upon 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,

Alfred B. Albiston

Assistant Attorney General

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