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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 Promulgate Amendments to the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area Regulation (9 VAC 25-600) and to Repeal the Board's Order Declaring the Eastern Shore of Virginia - Accomack And Northampton Counties - As a Critical Ground Water Area (9 VAC 25-620)

Dear Director Paylor:

I have reviewed the amendments to the above-referenced regulations. It is my opinion that the State Water Control Board has the authority to promulgate the amendments to the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area Regulation (9 VAC 25-600) and to repeal the Board's Order Declaring the Eastern Shore of Virginia - Accomack And Northampton Counties - As a Critical Ground Water Area (9 VAC 25-620) under Chapter 3.1 and Chapter 25 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David C. Grandis".

David C. Grandis
Assistant Attorney General