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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 Water Quality Standards Regulations  
(9 VAC 25-260 *et seq.*)

Dear Director Paylor:

I have reviewed the amendments to the above-referenced regulations. It is my opinion that the State Water Control Board has authority to promulgate the amendments to the regulations 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David C. Grandis".

David C. Grandis  
Assistant Attorney General