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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 Groundwater Withdrawal Regulations (9

VAC 25-610 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 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,

David C. Grandis

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Assistant Attorney General