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MEMORANDUM

FROM: Ross Phillips  
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TO: Michael Rolband, Director  
Department of Environmental Quality

DATE: January 22, 2024

RE: Review of Proposed Regulations for reissuance of Virginia Pollution Abatement (VPA) Regulation and General Permit for Animal Feeding Operations and Animal Waste Management — 9 VAC 25-192

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*Please note that this memorandum does not constitute an opinion, formal or informal, of the Attorney General. Rather, this memorandum contains the legal analysis of the individual staff member providing it.*

In response to a request from the Department of Environmental Quality, I reviewed the above-referenced regulations considered by the State Water Control Board on November 30, 2023. Based on my review of the proposed regulations, it is my opinion that the State Water Control Board has the authority to so amend and reissue 9 VAC 25-192 pursuant to Va. Code § 62.1-44.17:1. It is also my opinion that the proposed regulations are for a general permit and, therefore, exempt from Article 2 of the Administrative Process Act pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-4006(A)(8).