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MEMORANDUM

To: Kathleen R. Nosbisch, Executive Director Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals, and Geologists Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation

From: Joshua E. Laws Senior Assistant Attorney General

Date: September 25, 2024

Subject:Letter of Assurance for General Review of Professional Soil Scientists Regulations – Proposed
Amendments to Professional Soil Scientists Regulations found at 18 VAC 145-20

I have reviewed the Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals, and Geologists Proposed Amendments to Professional Soil Scientists Regulations found at 18 VAC 145-20 that were posted on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall on September 19, 2024. In my view, as counsel to the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation and the Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals, and Geologists, these regulations may be promulgated pursuant to Title 54.1 of the <u>Code of Virginia</u>. The regulations do not appear to conflict with the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia, nor do they appeal to conflict with any federal or state law currently in effect.

This memorandum addresses legal matters only and is not intended to serve, nor should it be construed, as a comment for or against the merits of the proposed regulations.