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MEMORANDUM

- To:David E. Dicks, Executive DirectorBoard for Waste Management OperatorsDepartment of Professional and Occupational Regulation
- From:Elizabeth B. Peay
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Date: October 30, 2008

Subject: Letter of Assurance for Exempt Action Final Regulation 18 VAC 155-11 – Public Participation Guidelines

I have reviewed the Exempt Action Final Regulation issued by the Board for Waste Management Operators. In my view, as counsel to the Board, the Board may promulgate these regulations, pursuant to § 54.1-2211 of the *Code of Virginia*. The regulations do not appear, on their face, to conflict with the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia, nor do they appear to conflict with federal or state law currently in effect. In addition, these regulatory changes are exempt from the requirements of Virginia's Administrative Process Act (APA), Code of Virginia §2.2-4006 A.4.a because this regulatory change is necessary to conform to changes in Virginia statutory law where no agency discretion is involved. This memorandum addresses legal matters only, is not intended to serve, nor should it be construed, as a comment for or against the merits of the proposed, regulations, and does not address, or express a position on, matters of public policy.