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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 Management Planning

Regulation (9 VAC 25-720)

Dear Director Paylor:

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

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