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MEMORANDUM

To: J. Meade R. Anderson, Chair

Geology Board

Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation

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Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation

From: Steven P. Jack

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Date: August 17, 2010

Subject: Letter of Assurance for Amendments to Geology Board Licensing Regulations, 18 VAC 70-

20-10 *et seq*.

I have reviewed the Geology Board's proposed amendments to its Licensing Regulations, 18 VAC 70-20-10 *et seq.*, that were posted on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall internet site on August 13, 2010. In my view, as counsel to the Geology Board, these regulations may be promulgated pursuant to §§ 54.1-201.1 and 54.1-1402 of the *Code of Virginia*. 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 appear to conflict with any federal or state law currently in effect. Further, these regulations may be promulgated as emergency regulations, pursuant to Chapters 260 and 280 of the Acts of the 2010 General Assembly, which require regulations to be effective within 280 days of enactment.

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.