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C. Diane Woolard, Ph.D., M.P.H. Director, Division of Surveillance and Investigation Virginia Department of Health 109 Governor Street Richmond, Virginia 23219

Re: Amended Regulations Governing Disease Reporting and Control 12 VAC 5-90-10 *et seq.*

Dear Dr. Woolard:

I have reviewed the Amended Regulations for Disease Reporting and Control, 12 VAC 5-90-10 *et seq*. The amended regulations do not conflict with other federal or state statutes or regulations and do not violate the United States or Virginia Constitutions.

The Board of Health has the authority to promulgate the regulations under Va. Code §§ 32.1-12, 32.1-35, 32.1-36, and 32.1-37.1. The regulations are consistent with the Board's mandate to implement the procedures and standards for disease reporting and control. The Board of Health will not exceed its statutory authority by approving these regulations. Having satisfied all legal requirements, you may proceed to take the necessary steps to promulgate these regulations.

Very truly yours,

Robin V. Kurz Assistant Attorney General

cc: Douglas R. Harris, Administrative Law and Regulatory Compliance Advisor