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The Honorable Robert G. Burnley, Director
Department of Environmental Quality
Commonwealth of Virginia
629 East Main Street
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Re: Final Amendments to Regulations Concerning Major New Source
Review Reform (Rev. E03)

Dear Mr. Burnley:

I have reviewed the above-referenced final regulation amendments, as adopted by the State Air Pollution Control Board on December 8, 2005.

It is my view that the Board possesses statutory authority to promulgate the above-referenced final regulation amendments.

This communication, concerning the legal authority of the Board, does not address any policy matters embodied in the final regulation amendments. It is the Board's responsibility to determine policy issues arising in connection with the adoption of regulations within its authority.

Sincerely,

Carl Josephson
Senior Assistant Attorney General