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The Honorable David K. Paylor, Director Virginia Department of Environmental Quality 1111 East Main Street Richmond, Virginia 23219

Re: Periodic Review of the Department of Environmental Quality Public Participation Guidelines (9 VAC 15-11 *et seq.*)

Dear Director Paylor:

I have reviewed the above-referenced regulations. It is my opinion that the Department of Environmental Quality has the statutory authority for the regulations pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2.4007.02.

This certification 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 regulations.

If I may be of any further assistance to you relating to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

David C. Grandis

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