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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** David Paylor, Director

Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

**FROM:** Matthew L. Gooch

Assistant Attorney General

**DATE:** October 21, 2014

**RE:** Fast-tract amendments to 9VAC15-40, Small Renewal Energy

(Wind) Permit by Rule (PBR)

I have reviewed the above-referenced amendments to the regulations of the Department of Environmental Quality. It is my opinion that the Department has the authority to adopt these amendments to the regulations based upon applicable law, including Article 5 of Chapter 11.1 of Title 10.1 of the Code of Virginia, and specifically, Code § 10.1-1197.6.

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