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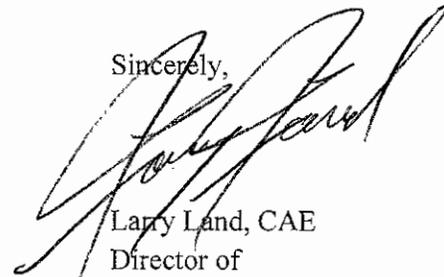
Dear Ms. Palen:

On November 10, 2009 the full membership of the Virginia Association of Counties adopted the following statement relating to the Virginia Stormwater Management Program (VSMP) permit regulations that were subsequently adopted on December 9, 2009 by the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board:

VACo supports further evaluation and analysis by the Commonwealth, with participation of local governments, of the Part II Amendments (technical criteria) to the Virginia Stormwater Management Program (VSMP) permit regulations and completion of an appropriate regulation by December, 2010. In addition, stormwater requirements on local governments related to new development, redevelopment and existing development must be cost-effective, affordable and manageable at the local level. The Commonwealth must assume any and all expenses imposed by these new regulations. The new VSMP regulations must have achievable objectives tested in "real world" situations, streamlined to minimize administrative reviews by state agencies, and provide localities with flexibility to make appropriate decisions about drainage and land use. Localities enforcing state regulations require full cost recovery through the fee schedule provided by the VSMP regulations.

I'll be happy to answer any questions you may have about this matter.

Sincerely,



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