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Mr. Mark Haley  
President, Board of Governors  
Virginia Nutrient Credit Exchange Association, Inc.  
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RE: Exchange Compliance Plan

Dear Mr. Haley:

I understand that the Exchange's July 31, 2007, Compliance Plan projects that expected Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorus loads will be below the aggregate wasteload allocations in all five basins by 2011. You and the entire association are to be congratulated for your diligence in evaluating the best opportunities for upgrades and trading in each of the Chesapeake Bay basins so that we can retain the existing January 1, 2011, compliance date in the watershed general permit for both nitrogen and phosphorus. This is a significant step for the Exchange, the watershed general permit and trading program, and for the Commonwealth in our continued efforts to clean up the Bay and illustrates your commitment to being a strong partner in the solution.

We know it will be a challenge to complete so many projects on such a tight timeline, and we remain committed to working with you to shepherd these projects to completion. In the meantime, we appreciate the Exchange's efforts to encourage and facilitate the cooperation of over 100 facilities to reduce nutrient loads to the Chesapeake Bay.

Thank you for your commitment to maintaining healthy waters within Virginia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David K. Paylor".

David K. Paylor

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