



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Office of the Governor

Doug Domenech
Secretary of Natural Resources

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Dr. Lynton S. Land
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Dear Dr. Land,

Thank you for your letter to Governor McDonnell regarding land application of biosolids. The Governor has asked that I respond to you on his behalf, as the Department of Environmental Quality, an agency within my secretariat, had responsibilities for developing the recently promulgated amendments to the regulations for this activity.

These amendments were a result of a stakeholders group convened in 2007 and a full regulatory development process begun by DEQ in November of 2007. I understand that you submitted detailed comments to DEQ as part of the comment period and all comments were given full consideration by DEQ and the State Water Control Board before the changes were adopted in 2009. The P-index and the Soil Test P methods were fully evaluated during this time.

I regret that you believe any administration of the Commonwealth would value profits of special interest groups over that of the Chesapeake Bay's water quality. Your opinions are, of course, appreciated in the context in which they are made, and the Governor and I thank you for your interest in the state's natural resources.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Domenech".

Douglas W. Domenech

C: David Paylor - DEQ