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From: Kevin R. Wightman, Caroline County Building Official

To: Director of the Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development

Subject: **AMUSEMENT DEVICE INJURY THAT OCCURRED AT THE VIRGINIA STATE FAIR ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2023.**

Ref: Virginia Amusement Device Regulations (2018 Edition) 13 VAC5-31

Encl: (1) Amusement Device Permit dated September 18, 2023
(2) Daily Inspection Report dated September 29, 2023
(3) Operators Incident Report dated September 29, 2023
(4) SFVA Incident Report dated September 29, 2023
(5) VSP Investigation Findings dated September 29, 2023
(6) Worldwide 3rd Party Post Inspection of the device dated September 29, 2023
(7) Building Official Certifications

In accordance with the Virginia Amusement Device Regulation, 13 VAC5-31-85 accidents involving serious injury or death, I am submitting the following investigation report:

On September 29, 2023 @ 1530 hours, I received a call from the Vice President of the State Fair of Virginia that an injury to a patron had occurred on the Midway, specifically on the amusement ride named "The Storm" at approximately 1500 hours. I instructed her to secure the scene, gather and hold all witnesses and I was inbound to their location. She informed me that the Virginia State Police were on scene gathering witness statements and the medical team (ETS) was administering first aid to the child. The decision on scene was to transport the child to VCU trauma center.

Upon my arrival, all parties involved were on the scene; Virginia State Police, Deggeller Attractions (owner and staff), SFVA Vice President, ETS medical director and 3rd party inspection staff from Worldwide Safety Group. We jointly recreated the events of what had occurred and performed an initial inspection of the device that produced no obvious failures of the equipment. I directed all parties to complete their reports and provide them to me no later than September 30, 2023. I instructed that the device would need a complete inspection, meeting all manufactures specifications for operation and to comply with the Device Regulations, 13-VAC5-31. The owner of Deggeller volunteered to keep the device out of service for the rest of the day so they could do a thorough inspection and recertify for operation the following day.

I arrived on scene at 0930 hours on September 30, 2023 and met with all parties involved. The required reports and statements were collected. I reviewed the post incident inspection report from the Worldwide Safety Group party and found there were no mechanical and/or operator errors that did not comply with the manufacturer's specifications or the governing code.

All the requirements of section 13 VAC5-31-85, paragraphs A, B, and C were met or exceeded and I authorized the device to be placed back into service. If further information is required please contact me @ 804-633-1198 (o) or 804-239-2250 (c).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KW Wightman, CBO'. The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font. The initials 'KW' are prominent at the start, followed by 'Wightman' and 'CBO' at the end.

Kevin R. Wightman CBO