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Mr. Charles L. Stiff, Chair Safety and Health Codes Board c/o C. Ray Davenport, Commissioner Virginia Department of Labor & Industry 13 South Thirteenth Street Richmond, Virginia 23219

Re: Various Corrections and Technical Amendments for Part 1910- General Industry and Part 1915—Shipyard Employment

Dear Mr. Stiff:

cc:

I have reviewed the above-referenced regulation. It is my opinion that the Safety and Health Codes Board has authority to promulgate such amendments under applicable law, including Chapter 3 of Title 40.1 of the Code of Virginia.

Further, based upon your agency's representations, it is my opinion that under Virginia Code § 2.2-4006.A.4(c) the regulations are excluded from Article 2 of the Virginia Administrative Process Act because they are necessary to meet the requirements of federal law or regulations.

If I may be of any further assistance to you relating to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (804) 786-9583.

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