

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Jerald R. Hess
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DATE: May 2, 2020

RE: Periodic Review of Regulations - 4 Va. Admin. Code §§ 25-145 *et seq.*

Please note that this memorandum does not constitute an opinion, formal or informal, of the Attorney General. Rather, this memorandum contains the legal analysis of the individual staff member providing it.

The Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy (“Department”) is in the process of its periodic review of 9 Va. Admin. Code §§ 25-145 *et seq.* and is not proposing any changes to these regulations at this time. If the Department concludes this periodic review without proposing any changes to these regulations, no further review is required. If the Department seeks to amend these regulations, further review may be required. With that and in light of § 2.2-4017 of the *Code of Virginia*, it is my view that the Department has the statutory authority to adopt and maintain these regulations.

The foregoing conclusion is my own. It does not constitute an opinion, formal or informal, of the Attorney General.