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MEMORANDUM

FROM: Darrell W. Kuntz, III
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TO: Larry Corkey
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RE: Review of regulatory action to reflect updated reclamation plan to match practice of liens on land reclaimed. 4VAC25-130-882 - Liens

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.

I have reviewed the Virginia Department of Energy's (Virginia Energy) proposed fast-track amendments to the Coal Surface Mining Reclamation Regulations found at 4VAC25-130-882. As counsel for Virginia Energy, I am of the opinion that Virginia Energy is authorized to amend these regulations under Va. Code § 45.2-103 and 45.2-1114(c). These amendments qualify for fast-track regulatory action under Va. Code § 2.2-4012.1 because the modifications are not expected to be controversial.

The amended regulations do not appear, on their face, to conflict with the Constitution of

the United States or the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Moreover, the amendment helps ensure that Virginia's regulations more closely reflect the standards of Federal law.

This memorandum addresses legal matters only and is not intended to serve, nor should it be construed as a comment for or against the merits of the proposed amended regulations.

Sincerely,



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