

## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** C. Ray Davenport

Commissioner

Virginia Department of Labor and Industry

From: Joshua E. Laws

**Assistant Attorney General** 

**Date:** March 1, 2017

**Subject:** Letter of Assurance for Final Rule for Walking-Working Surfaces and Personal Protective

Equipment (Fall Protection Systems) — 16 VAC 25-90-1910.6 et seq.

I have reviewed the Department of Labor and Industry's proposed Final Rule for Walking-Working Surfaces and Personal Protective Equipment (Fall Protection Systems) found at §16 VAC 25-90-1910.6 et seq. that was posted on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall on February 22, 2017. In my view, as counsel to the Department of Labor and Industry, these regulations may be promulgated pursuant to Title 40.1 of the Code of Virginia. Further, I certify that the proposed changes are exempt from the Administrative Process Act under Code of Virginia § 2.2-4006(A)(4)(c) as they are necessary to meet the requirements of federal law or regulations and they do not materially differ from those required by federal law or regulation.

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 regulations.