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MEMORANDUM

To: C. Ray Davenport
Commissioner
Virginia Department of Labor and Industry

From: Joshua E. Laws
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Date: September 28, 2016

Subject: Letter of Assurance for Final Rule to Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses and Correction to Employment Involvement — §16VAC25-85-1904.35 et seq.

I have reviewed the Department of Labor and Industry's proposed Final Rule to Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses and Correction to Employment Involvement found at §16VAC25-85-1904.35 et seq. that was posted on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall on September 27, 2016. 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.