



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	4 VAC 25-140
Regulation title	Coal Surface Mining Regulations
Action title	Action to repeal obsolete regulations as the result of actions taken by the 2013 General Assembly
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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

Chapter 47 of the 2013 Acts of Assembly repealed Chapter 17 of Title 45.1 of the Code of Virginia. That chapter was superseded by Chapter 19, the Virginia Coal Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1979. There are no longer any permits outstanding under Chapter 17. Thus, the attendant regulations are also obsolete. This action repeals those regulations in the Virginia Administrative Code. This action is submitted as part of Governor McDonnell's Regulatory Reform Initiative.

Statement of final agency action

Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.

On July 8, 2013, the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy repealed the Coal Surface Mining Regulations as the result of Chapter 47 of the 2013 Acts of Assembly.

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

This action will have no impact on the institution of the family and family stability.