



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	4 VAC 25-130
Regulation title	Coal Surface Mining Reclamation Regulations
Action title	Amendments to maintain consistency with revised federal regulations
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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.

The Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME) is required to maintain coal surface mining reclamation regulations that are at least as stringent as corresponding federal regulations. Those federal regulations have recently been revised and this action is filed as exempt pursuant to § 2.2-4006(A)(4)(c) of the Code of Virginia to reflect those revisions. The federal Office of Surface Mining has approved DMME's proposed changes.

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 December 27, 2012, DMME approved amendments to its Coal Surface Mining Reclamation Regulations.

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 or family stability.