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MEMORANDUM

To: Ethan Wittkorn, Regulatory Policy Advocate
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From: David M. Crow, Chief 
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Subject: CSI Review – 2020 Industrial Minerals Rules

Thank you for your thorough review and analysis of the Division of Mineral Resources Management's (DMRM's) 2020 industrial minerals (IM) rules. The Common Sense Initiative (CSI) review memorandum states that these rules cover DMRM's regulations regarding IM surface mining requirements, such as permit transfers, federal code references, federal mine safety requirements, quarry fill, placement of lime mining waste, watercourse variances, permits for the use of lime mine wastes in mine operation reclamation, and distance limitation of lime mining waste placement.

There are two comments contained in the CSI review that need to be clarified:

- The rules of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 1501:14-5 require operators of IM surface mining operations that will dewater to submit supplemental information in the permit application, including a hydrogeologic description and map, and groundwater data, that will allow the DMRM Chief to establish a projected cone of depression.
- Rule 1501:14-5-04 requires the applicant to submit more detailed information when requesting a variance that would allow the IM surface mining operation to mine close to certain size watercourses.

CSI has no recommendations on this rules package. CSI concluded that the Ohio Department of Natural Resources should proceed with filing the rules with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review.

DMRM intends to now move forward with the original filing of these rules with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Laubach at 614-265-1092 or Brian Becker at 614-265-6861.

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