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MEMORANDUM

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Subject: CSI Review – Mine Safety (OAC 1501:10-1-01 through 1501:10-1-07 and 1501:10-2-01 through 1501:10-2-27)

Thank you for your thorough review and analysis of the Division of Mineral Resources Management's (DMRM's) Mine Safety (MS) – Regulatory Restrictions rules package. The Common Sense Initiative (CSI) review memorandum states the requirements in this package include the use of diesel equipment, fuel storage, fire suppressions systems, and employee training and that many of the amendments are to remove unnecessary regulatory restrictions.

One comment contained in the CSI review needs to be clarified:

- This rule package consists of thirty-one amended rules and two no-change rules as part of the statutory five-year review requirement. This package also includes one rule, 1501:10-2-27, to be rescinded for a package total of thirty-four.

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 Ginger Lehman at 740-630-6215 or Brian Becker at 614-265-6861.

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