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## MEMORANDUM

To: Ethan Wittkorn, Regulatory Policy Advocate  
Common Sense Initiative

From:  David M. Crow, Chief  
ODNR – Division of Mineral Resources Management

Date: November 16, 2021

Subject: CSI Review – 2021 Coal Rules

Thank you for your thorough review and analysis of the Division of Mineral Resources Management's (DMRM's) 2021 coal rules. The Common Sense Initiative (CSI) review memorandum states that these rules cover DMRM's regulations regarding coal mining and reclamation requirements, such as record keeping, permits to mine coal, permit applications, plans and mapping, performance security requirements, liability insurance, exploration standards, protection standards, inspections and use of lands. 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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