

Department of Mines, Minerals, & Energy  
Division of Gas & Oil  
2008 – 2009 Regulatory Advisory Panel

**MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2008**

**Location:** Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center, Abingdon, Virginia

**Advisory Panel Members Present:**

Dr. Charles Bartlett Jr., Mr. Jim Bunn, Mr. Tom Collins, Mr. Jerry Grantham (Panel Chairman), Mr. Les Arrington, Mr. Mark Kinder, and Mrs. Joyce Street.

**DMME representatives:** Mr. David Asbury, Mr. Mark Deering, and Ms. Tabitha Peace

**Members of the public:** Mrs. Lydia Sinemus

**Panel Chairman Jerry Grantham called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 am**

Chairman Grantham stated the format of today's meeting would be to continue the review of regulations sections 4 VAC 25-150-170 to 4 VAC 25 -150-750 with "action items" assigned to smaller panel focus groups. The panel completed its initial review of all regulation sections and made the following "action item" assignments:

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1. 4 VAC25-150-210 Determine if § 45.1 -361.31 Paragraph 8 can be referenced to clarify regulation. See: <http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+45.1-361.31> (Assigned to Charles Bartlett, Les Arrington, Jim Bunn)
2. 4 VAC 25-150-250 Examine blasting requirements, consider a minimum limit (Assigned to Jim Bunn, Jerry Grantham, Mark Kinder, Charles Bartlett)
3. 4 VAC 25-150-260 Examine Section D2 to determine how pipelines are purged and/or removed (Assigned to Les Arrington, Mark Deering, Mark Kinder, Joyce Street)
4. 4 VAC 25-150-280 Examine B1 to determine logs needed (Assigned to the Division)
5. 4 VAC 25-150-10 (from above) Redefine the new definition "active mine" (Assigned to Rick Waddell, Jerry Grantham, Jim Bunn, and Mark Kinder). Same group will also examine 4VAC 25-150-280 3a.
6. 4 VAC 25-150-280 Replace borehole with well or corehole, eliminating borehole. (Tabitha Peace will highlight all other references to corehole for next draft copy.)

7. 4 VAC 25-150-300 1 & 4 Review pit closure suggested wording, strike one, use reclaim (Assigned to Jerry Grantham, Les Arrington, & Tom)
8. 4 VAC 25-150-340 Ensure that DEQ standards are current. (Assigned to Dallas Sizemore)
9. 4 VAC 25-150-390 Review Section C for wording. (Assigned to David Asbury, Mark Kinder, Les Arrington, Jerry Grantham)
10. 4 VAC 25-150-420 Review Section E2 to review record retention time is consistent with EPA (Assigned to Jerry Grantham)
11. 4 VAC 25-150-435 Review requirements for plugging and abandonment (Assigned to Jim Bunn, Les Arrington, Rick Waddell, David Asbury, Mark Deering)
12. 4 VAC 25-150-620 Clarify the safety precaution plan submission (Assigned to David Asbury)
13. 4 VAC 25-150-630 Review in conjunction with 4 VAC25-150-210 (Assigned to Charles Bartlett, Les Arrington, Jim Bunn)

At a portion of today's meeting, Rick Waddell served as Assistant Chairman.

The panel completed its initial review of all sections and designated the January 14, 2009, meeting to address all "action items" and finalize its recommendations.

Chairman Grantham adjourned the meeting at 4:45 pm.