

AGENDA

REGULATORY POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE COMMITTEE ON MICHIGAN'S MINING FUTURE

Virtual Teams Meeting

December 10, 2020, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Roll Call

Sean Hammond
Jim Kochevar
Jerry Maynard
Sharon Schafer or designee
Adam Wygant
Hal Fitch
Others attending

Review Draft Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2020 Meeting

Presentations

Drafting of Subcommittee Report

New Business

Future meeting dates

Next Meeting: January 20, 2021, at 1:00

Public Comments

Adjournment

Attachment to Agenda

Subcommittee Report Outline – DRAFT 1

This outline is derived from the “Regulatory Policy Subcommittee Topics”. The topics have been consolidated and refined; some have been modified to align with the purposes and scope of the Committee. Two topics are recommended for reassignment to another subcommittee. The outline may be refined and revised based on input from interested parties.

Section 1 (Incorporates Topics 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, part of 9, and 10). Review and evaluate current regulations and environmental requirements for mineral exploration and extraction. Describe concerns, identify options, and make recommendations as appropriate covering the following issues:

- a. Categories of regulation: nonspecific (air, water, soil erosion, etc.) and specific to mining and reclamation operations.
- b. Types of mining covered by regulations: ferrous metals, nonferrous metals, industrial minerals (which includes aggregates).
- c. Need for balanced, reasonable, and effective regulations.
- d. Cultural resources at proposed extraction sites.
- e. Mine idling, shutdown, and reclamation.
- f. Alternatives analysis, to include greenfield/brownfield options.
- g. Mining of tailings, waste rock, and mill wastes.
- h. Updating of administrative rules.
- i. Potential for administrative and legal challenges.
- j. Comparison to requirements in other states.

Note: these issues overlap significantly with topics of the Mining Methods, Environment, and Reclamation Subcommittee.

Section 2 (Incorporates Topics 4 and 5). Review and evaluate Act 163 of 1911, Copper and Iron Mine Inspectors. Describe concerns, identify options, and make recommendations as appropriate covering the following issues:

- a. Duties and compensation of county mine inspectors.
- b. Applicability of statute in today’s environment.
- c. Applicability to beneficial reuses of old mine workings.

Topics recommended for reassignment:

Topic 9. Tax assessments on mineral reserves (inferred to be part of “Permitting the correct reserves” topic) – recommend reassignment to Social, Economic, and Labor Opportunities Subcommittee.

Topic 11. Sensitivities from regulators, elected officials, and community towards mining – recommend reassignment to Social, Economic, and Labor Opportunities Subcommittee.