

ORPHANED LAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 4-5, 2014

The Orphaned Land Advisory Committee Meeting was held at Natural Bridge, Virginia on June 4-5, 2014. Committee members present were:

Mr. Walter Beck, Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance (VTCA)
Mr. Phil Davidson, Mining Industry Representative
Mr. William Lassetter, Virginia (DMME), Division of Geology and Mineral Resources
Mr. Lee Daniels, Virginia Tech, Department of Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences
Mr. Palmer Sweet, Citizen Member
Mr. Steve Long, Virginia Department of Transportation
Ms. Alica Ketchem – USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service
Ms. Liz McKercher – Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

Mr. David Benner, DMME Division of Mineral Mining (DMM) Director; Mr. Allen Bishop, DMM Project Manager; Mr. Joshua Rubinstein, Nonpoint Source Coordinator and Mr. Paul Saunders, DMM Mine Inspector, were present as ex-officio non-voting members and advisors to the Committee.

Committee members selected Luck Stone Corporation – Charlottesville Plant as the best quarry and overall winner in the DMM/VTCA Awards Program and to be nominated for the Interstate Mining Compact Commission National Award Program. Bardon, Inc. – Albion Plant was selected as the best non-quarry.

Lhoist North America of Virginia – Kimballton Plant 2, Boxley Materials Company – Lawyers Road Quarry, Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. – Midlothian Quarry, Ennstone and Morie Farm, Branscome, Inc. – Lee-Bickford Pit, and Glenn Lester Company, Inc. – Mine #2, were selected to receive Honorable Mention Awards.

The Committee by-laws were reviewed. Mr. Phil Davidson's membership was renewed as the Mineral Mining Industry representative as was Ms. Alicia Ketchem representing the Natural Resource Conservation Service and Dr. Lee Daniels representing Virginia Tech.

PowerPoint presentations of selected sites that had safety and/or environmental scores over one hundred were reviewed. One hundred and forty sites were inventoried and prioritized by the Committee this year. The inventory system continues to be enhanced in order to provide a comprehensive inventory of Abandoned Mineral Mines in Virginia.

A tour of the Locker Tract Mine which had a bat gate installed by George Washington National Forest personnel was held.