

ORPHANED LAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 30-31, 2012

The Orphaned Land Advisory Committee Meeting was held at Sandston, Virginia on May 30-31, 2012. Committee members present were:

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

Mr. David Benner, DMME Division of Mineral Mining (DMM) Director; Mr. Allen Bishop, DMM Project Manager; Mr. Aaron Siegel, 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 Vulcan Construction Materials, LP – Skippers Quarry 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. Vulcan Construction Materials, LP – Curles Neck Sand & Gravel was selected as the best non-quarry.

Vulcan Construction Materials, LP – Boozy Creek Quarry, Elbow Road Farms, Inc. and Ennstone, Inc. – Morie Farm were selected to receive Honorable Mention Awards.

The Committee by-laws were reviewed. Mr. Palmer Sweet's membership was renewed as the Private Citizen Representative as was Mr. Walter Beck representing the Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance (VTCA).

PowerPoint presentations of selected sites that had safety and/or environmental scores over one hundred were reviewed. One hundred and forty five 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 Shirley Plantation and the reclamation and research work being undertaken by Virginia Tech was held.