

ORPHANED LAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 13-14, 2013

The Orphaned Land Advisory Committee Meeting was held at Exmore, Virginia on June 13-14, 2013. Committee members present were:

Mr. Sam Hollins, Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance (VTCA)
Mr. Phil Davidson, Mining Industry Representative
Mr. Gerry Wilks, Virginia (DMME), Division of Geology and Mineral Resources
Mr. Steve Nagle, 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
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 Salem Stone Sand Mountain Sand 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. Cedar Springs Properties, LLC #1 Mine was selected as the best non-quarry.

Bailio Sand Company, Inc – Lords Farm (Non Quarry Division) and Luck Stone – Charlottesville Plant (Quarry Division) were selected to receive Honorable Mention Awards.

The Committee by-laws were reviewed. Mr. William Lassetter's membership was renewed as the Division of Geology and Mineral Resources Representative as was Mr. Steve Long's representing the Virginia Department of Transportation. Ms. Liz McKercher was welcomed as the new Department of Environmental Quality member.

PowerPoint presentations of selected sites that had safety and/or environmental scores over one hundred were reviewed. One hundred and 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 the Virginia Institute of Marine Science facility on the eastern shore was held.