

***MINUTES OF THE INFORMAL CONFERENCE
WITH VULCAN CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, LP
REGARDING A NOTICE OF VIOLATION AT THEIR
MECKLENBURG QUARRY
PERMIT No. 90035AD***

The Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME), Division of Mineral Mining (DMM) held an informal conference at the request of Mr. Chris Hipes, Safety and Health Representative for Vulcan Construction Materials, Mideast Division regarding a Notice of Violation issued on December 19, 2006 at their Mecklenburg Quarry, Permit No. 90035AD. The meeting was held at Vulcan's offices located at 5601 Ironbridge Parkway, Suite 107 in Chester, Virginia at 9:00 a.m. on March 7, 2007.

The conference convened on schedule. Mr. David K. Benner, DMM Mine Inspector Supervisor for the Eastern District presided as the conference officer. Representing Vulcan Construction Materials, LP was Mr. Chris Hipes and representing the DMM was Mr. Damien Fehrer, Mine Inspector for Area 5. No other attendees were present at the conference.

The conference officer opened the meeting by explaining the informal conference procedure and then asked the parties to come forward and present their cases.

Mr. Fehrer spoke first and presented the background regarding the nature of the inspection conducted at the Mecklenburg facility and the reason for issuing the Notice of Violation.

Mr. Hipes spoke next and stated the company's rationale for believing that the violation should not have been issued and why he believed that the actions of the company were in compliance with the DMM safety regulations.

After their presentations there was some additional open discussion. The conference officer asked both parties for clarification of issues presented at the conference. Mr. Hipes stated that he would submit a copy of the company's training plan in order to further clarify their position.

The conference officer made closing statements regarding the issuance of a decision on the matter and the conference was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.