

**DEPARTMENT OF MINES, MINERALS AND ENERGY**  
**DIVISION OF MINED LAND RECLAMATION**  
**Public Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday – September 9, 2008**

- Location:** Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy  
3405 Mountain Empire Road  
Buchanan-Smith Building, Room 219  
Big Stone Gap, Virginia
- Meeting Title:** Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to the Virginia Coal Surface Mining Reclamation Regulations
- Purpose:** To receive written and oral public comments on proposed amendments to Virginia Coal Surface Mining Reclamation Regulations §§4VAC25-130-816.22, 4VAC25-130-816.43, 4VAC25-130-816.116, 4VAC25-130-817.22, 4VAC25-130-817.43, 4VAC25-130-817.116, and 4VAC25-130-842.15. The amendments would maintain consistency with corresponding federal regulations, allow more natural designs of stream restoration channels, and clarify requirements for requesting formal hearing to review the agency's decisions not to inspect or enforce sections of the regulations on particular sites. The public hearing was conducted pursuant to §45.1-230 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, § 2.2-4000 *et seq.* of the Administrative Process Act, and §2.2-4100 *et seq.* of the Virginia Register Act.
- Facilitator:** Gavin M. Bledsoe, Legal Services Officer
- Present:** Marilyn Gates, DMLR Office Services Specialist (Recorder)

Gavin Bledsoe opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. to receive public comments on the proposed amendments. Other than the DMLR personnel listed above, no persons attended the hearing to offer comments. The public hearing was kept open until 10:00 a.m. to allow any person to arrive and offer public comment.

The public hearing was closed at 10:01 a.m. with no public comments offered.