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MEMORANDUM DM 16-01

TO: All Coal Mine Operators

FROM: *Randy Moore*
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SUBJECT: Twenty Forth Annual Virginia Coal Mine Safety Awards

DATE: January 26, 2016

The Virginia Coal Mine Safety Board and Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy are now accepting applications for the 2015 Virginia Coal Mine Safety Awards. Applications may be submitted for the following categories:

- Large Underground Mine
- Medium Underground Mine
- Small Underground Mine
- Large Surface Operation
- Medium Surface Operation
- Small Surface Operation
- Special Safety Award (recognizing the efforts of an individual or group)

Surface operations may include strip, auger, preparation plant, construction crew, and similar operations. Special safety awards will be considered for consecutive years without a lost time injury by individuals or operations, or other outstanding individual achievements in promoting mine safety.

Applications and a listing of eligibility criteria are enclosed for your information. **You must apply and meet minimum requirements to be considered for an award.** Applications will be accepted thru **March 31, 2016**. Applications can be hand delivered, e-mailed to becky.sanders@dmme.virginia.gov or mailed to the attention of Becky Sanders at the Division of Mines' offices in Big Stone Gap (P.O. Drawer 900, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219) or Lebanon (P.O. Drawer 159, Lebanon, VA 24266).

The Virginia Coal Mine Safety Awards publicly recognize outstanding safety achievements in the state's coal mining industry. We would like to see Virginia mine operators and employees receive the recognition they deserve for their mine safety achievements, and we encourage you to submit an application for consideration.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact any Division of Mines representative or call me at (276) 523-8206. Thank you.

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