

**OPERATOR ASSISTANCE REQUEST
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy
Division of Mines**

The Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy (DMME), Division of Mines (DM) provides advice and other technical assistance to coal mine operators through its Operator Assistance, Small Mine Service, and Accident Reduction Programs. These programs deliver services through staff Technical Specialists who have extensive training and experience in coal mining roof control, electrical systems, ventilation, and other mine specialities. These Technical Specialists are appointed by the Director, and function with the Department as provided in § 45.1-161.23 of the Coal Mine Safety Laws of Virginia and in accordance with applicable state, department, and division operating policies and procedures.

Conditions For Receiving Operator Assistance

The following conditions apply for all operator assistance services provided by the DMME/DM Technical Assistance staff:

- Technical Specialists will provide advice and assistance when requested to do so by the mine operator or his agent.
- A responsible effort will be made by Technical Specialists to provide accurate and complete information, advice and other relevant assistance based on field observations, testing and evaluations and other technical efforts consistent with their level of training and experience.

Mine operators and agents must be aware that in providing advice and assistance, errors and omissions are possible in the assistance provided by Technical Specialists. Therefore, the operator and/or his agent bear sole responsibility for the appropriate use of information and other assistance provided with respect to mine plans development and other applications to operational activities.

REQUEST FOR OPERATOR ASSISTANCE

Assistance has been requested for the _____
_____ Mine,

M. I. # _____

By _____
(Mine Operator/Agent)

The assistance provided by Division of Mines Technical Specialists is requested beginning:

_____ and consisted of the following:

Roof Control _____

Ventilation _____

Electrical _____

Mine Planning _____

I acknowledge requesting and receiving the above listed operator assistance from Division of Mines Technical Specialists in accordance with the conditions set forth herein. Further, I understand and agree that the Commonwealth of Virginia, its agencies and representatives disclaim all liability for quality, performance and fitness for advice and assistance provided.

DM Technical Specialists Date

Mine Operator/Agent Date