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MEMORANDUM DM 10-06

TO: All Mine Operators

FROM: Frank A. Linkous
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DATE: June 7, 2010

SUBJECT: Virginia Acts of Assembly 2010 Session
Section 45.1-161.276., Loading and haulage work area requirements, and
45.1-161.284., Surface storage of explosives and detonators

Enclosed you will find a copy of Senate Bill 561 which addresses amendments to Section 45.1-161.276.G. which clarifies and improves the effectiveness of this standard for safe operation of dumping stations where material is dumped over an embankment.

Also, Section 45.1-161.284.B. has been amended to add the requirement that surface explosives storage magazines addressed by this standard be "electrically bonded and grounded, if constructed of metal". Further, Section 45.1-161.284.E. has been amended to clarify and improve the effectiveness of this standard for safe location of explosives storage magazines at coal mine sites and in relationship to public and private facilities.

Should you have questions concerning these amended standards, please contact your Division of Mines Inspector or call our offices at 276-523-8236 and request assistance.

Attachment