

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF MINES, MINERALS AND ENERGY**  
**ADDITIONAL FY2014 ABANDONED MINE LAND CONSOLIDATED GRANT**

The Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy's (DMME) Division of Mined Land Reclamation (DMLR) has submitted a grant request to the U. S. Department of the Interior, Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation Enforcement (OSMRE) for funding of an additional Fiscal Year 2014 project from the Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Consolidated Grant. The AML Consolidated Grant provides support for program administration and construction projects for Virginia's AML Programs.

The AML Administration Program provides support for Virginia's AML Program to protect the public health, safety and general welfare from the adverse effects of coal mining practices that occurred prior to the enactment of the Federal Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. The AML Construction Reclamation Program provides funding for the reclamation of abandoned mine sites that endanger public health, safety and general welfare and are the results of adverse impacts of past coal mining practices prior to the Federal Act. Subject to federal funding, the following projects will be pursued.

➤ **Coalfield Projects Additional FY2014**

Coalfield Projects will be performed in accordance with Virginia's Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Plan, as amended, and in accordance with the provisions of P.L. 95-87, as amended, the Title IV Regulations, and the Federal Assistance Manual. The intent of reclamation will be to address Priority 1, 2, and 3 features within specific problem areas. Reclamation of Priority 3 features will be either an integral part of, or incidental to reclamation of Priority 1 and 2 features.

- Elkins Branch Landslide Emergency: The project is located approximately 1.5 miles from the intersection of Rt. 83 and Rt. 642 on Elkins Branch Road in Buchanan County. DMME has an ongoing emergency project to address the slide in an effort to reduce the threat to human safety and damage to property. Work for this project will consist of stabilizing the landslide area, removing slide material from the stream, and placing it at a disposal site that is located on permitted area.

Further information about this grant can be obtained by contacting the DMLR's AML Section at (276) 523-8206. Written comments concerning this grant request will be received for fourteen (14) days following publication of this notice. Address all comments to: Division of Mined Land Reclamation, P. O. Drawer 900, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219, Attn: Richard V. Davis.

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