



**PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER
TO CONDUCT RECLAMATION ACTIVITIES**

(Abandoned Mine Land Program)

IN THE MATTER OF: **SHORT TOWN ROAD II REMEDIAL AML PROJECT**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy, Division of Mined Land Reclamation, of the Commonwealth of Virginia, pursuant to the authority granted in the Virginia Coal Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1979 (Chapter 19, Article 4, Section 45.1-260 et seq.) with funding provided by the **2012** Consolidated Grant, has determined and found that:

Land **located along Short Town Road west of Rt. 632 (Right Fork Road)** in **Wise** County, Virginia, has been adversely affected by past coal mining practices, to wit:

1. Property owners, both known and unknown, are hereby notified of the Division's intention to reclaim the area adversely affected by past coal mining practices. The purpose of this Notice is to provide notice to any landowners, heirs, assigns and devisees who may be affected by the proposed reclamation and who have not been identified and who have not granted written consent.
2. The public health, safety and property are endangered by: **localized flooding caused by drainage from an abandoned mine access road.**
3. The proposed action consists of:
 - a) Constructing and maintaining access roads as needed;
 - b) Construction and installation of surface and subsurface drainage structures to convey mine drainage to the stream channel. Excess material will be properly disposed of on an existing mine bench.
 - c) Revegetation of all areas disturbed by this work. Approved revegetation mixtures will be used.
 - d) Standard erosion and sediment control measures will be implemented throughout this project.
4. Known property owner(s) in the area of the proposed reclamation are:

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Mark Justice
Ella Mae Purvis
Phillip and Terri Shortt, et al
Jackie and Patricia Tunnell
Scotty Branham
Stevie and Deidre Mullins
Charles Lee and Jearline Bledsoe
Suzette Robinson
David Fleming
Barry Mullins

Based upon the above findings, the Commonwealth of Virginia, acting by and through the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy, Division of Mined Land Reclamation, its agents, employees and contractors, gives notice that 30 days from this Notice being published in **The Coalfield Progress**, and posted on the property, the Division will initiate and continue until the proposed work on **Short Town Road II Remedial Project** is complete, and shall do all things necessary and expedient to protect the public health, safety and general welfare. Such entry shall not be construed as an act of condemnation of property nor of trespass thereon.

For further information contact the Division of Mined Land Reclamation at the following address:

Attention: AML Section
VA Dept. of Mines, Minerals & Energy
P. O. Drawer 900
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

The telephone number is (276) 523-8206.

This notice can also be found on the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy's website: <http://www.dmme.virginia.gov/PublicMeetings/PublicNotices.shtml>

DATE 4/2/15 BY Randy Casey
Division Director