

FY2010 AML CONSOLIDATED GRANT
PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY

FEBRUARY 22, 2010

The Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy, Division of Mined Land Reclamation, Abandoned Mine Land Section, held a public meeting concerning the FY2010 AML Consolidated Grant submittal. The purpose of the meeting was to allow public comment on this grant. The meeting was conducted at the DMME office in Big Stone Gap, Virginia, on February 19, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting convened on schedule. The following individuals were present at the meeting.

Gerald Collins, ATS Engineer,
Jan Zentmeyer, DMLR Grants Administrator, Moderator,
Richard Davis, DMLR, AML Projects Coordinator, and
Marilyn Gates, DMLR Administrative Assistant, Recorder.

The moderator opened by reading a statement explaining the purpose of the meeting.

Mr. Collins spoke first and asked about funding of the AML grant in light of the news of budget cuts and deficit. He asked if the money that Virginia coal operators paid into the AML fund will be affected by any federal budgets cuts over the next 15 years. In response, Jan Zentmeyer addressed the OSM distribution of funds for this grant year. Richard Davis further explained that the state share is driven by coal production and that the state share balance will be reliable for several years, but after 2015, the distribution could be less if coal production decreases.

A brief recess was taken to allow for any late arrivals. The meeting was adjourned for approximately 10 minutes. After the adjournment, and with no additional attendees or comments, the meeting was closed at 1:47 p.m.