The Orphaned Land Advisory Committee Meeting was held at Bristol, Virginia on June 7 – 9, 2010. Committee members present were:

Mr. Brian M. Parker, Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance (VTCA)
Mr. Phil Davidson, Mining Industry Representative
Mr. Billy Lassetter, Virginia (DMME), Division of Geology and Mineral Resources
Mr. Steve Nagle, Virginia Tech, Department of Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences
Mr. Palmer Sweet, Citizen Member
Mr. Cooper Wamsley, Virginia Department of Transportation
Mr. David Lazarus – Department of Environmental Quality
Ms. Alica Ketchum – USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service

Mr. Conrad Spangler, DMME Division of Mineral Mining (DMM) Director; Mr. Allen Bishop, DMM Project Manager; and Mr. Mac Hagy, DMM Mine Inspector, were present as ex-officio non-voting members and advisors to the Committee.

Committee members selected Luck Stone Corporation – Powhatan Plant as the best quarry and overall winner in the DMM/VTCA Awards Program and to be nominated for the Interstate Mining Compact Commission National Award Program. Vulcan Construction Materials, LP – Curles Neck Sand and Gravel was selected as the best non-quarry.

Chemical Lime Company of VA - Kimballton Plant #2 and Unimin Corporation – Gore Mine were selected to receive Honorable Mention Awards.

The Committee by-laws were reviewed. Mr. Billy Lassetter’s membership was renewed as the Division of Geology and Mineral Resources representative as was Mr. David Lazarus, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and Mr. Steve Long, Virginia Department of Transportation

PowerPoint presentations of selected sites that had safety and/or environmental scores over 100 were reviewed. Seventy Seven sites were inventoried and prioritized by the Committee this year. The inventory system continues to be enhanced in order to provide a comprehensive inventory of Abandoned Mineral Mines in Virginia.

A tour of the Powell River Project and the Virginia City Dominion Power Plant was held.