



**PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER
TO CONDUCT RECLAMATION ACTIVITIES**
(Abandoned Mine Land Program)

IN THE MATTER OF: **Vandyke Community Portals**

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 **2011** Consolidated Grant, has determined and found that:

Land located **off State Route 618, approximately one mile east of State Route 634, in the headwaters of the Levisa River at the Vandyke community** in **Buchanan** County(ies), 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 is endangered by: **abandoned deep mine openings, associated mine drainage, and tipple structure(s) and debris.**
3. The proposed action consists of:
 - a) installing mine seals at the open portals
 - b) establishing positive drainage patterns
 - c) dismantling and removal of tipple structure(s) and mine debris
 - d) revegetation of all disturbed areas
 - e) maintaining existing access roads during the construction phase.

4. Known property owner(s) in the area of the proposed reclamation are:

The Heirs of Jasper N. Keen and Mary V. Keen; Joseph R. Shelton and Juanita E. Shelton (Access only); CNX Gas Company, LLC (Easement/Right of Way)

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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 **Bluefield Daily Telegraph**, and posted on the property, the Division will initiate and continue until the proposed work on the **Vandyke Community Portals 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 above address, Attention: AML Section (telephone number is (276) 523-8206).

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

DATE 2/25/14 BY Randy Casey
Division Director