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MEMORANDUM

TO: Gas and Oil Operators in Virginia

FROM: Rick Cooper, Director
Division of Gas and Oil

SUBJECT: 6th Annual Virginia DMME Gas & Oil Industry Awards

DATE: May 13, 2020

The letter is to announce that the timeline to submit nominations for the Annual Virginia DMME Gas & Oil Industry Awards is being extended to June 15, 2020, due to the current COVID 19 conditions. Please submit nominations by following the nomination process, and criteria that can be downloaded from the DMME website: <http://www.dmme.virginia.gov/DGO/DgoGandOAwardsPage.shtml>

These awards are to recognize individual(s) within the industry for their efforts throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. **Please consider recognizing gas operators, oil operators and anyone associated in the industry, in Virginia.**

If you have any questions concerning this document, please contact DGO at 276-415-9700.

Sincerely,

Rick Cooper, Director
Virginia Division of Gas and Oil

Virginia DMME

Gas & Oil Industry Awards

Division of Gas and Oil Awards for Excellence

General Information

The Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy's (DMME), Division of Gas and Oil (DGO) in partnership with the Virginia Oil and Gas Association (VOGA) has created a program to recognize outstanding achievements by members of the gas and oil industry in Virginia. Nominations may be submitted by the nominee themselves or from other outside organizations. Entries must have been initiated or ongoing during the 2018 calendar year. Each individual entry must be on a separate form.

How to Enter: Entries must be submitted to DGO by May 15, 2020. Digital entries are preferred and may be sent to dgoforms@dmme.virginia.gov. Physical entries may be mailed or delivered to the Division of Gas and Oil, PO Drawer 159, 135 Highland Drive, Lebanon, Virginia 24266

Judging: DMME staff and the awards committee

Announcement of Winners: The award winners will be announced at the Fall Annual VOGA Meeting, Abingdon, Virginia in October 2020 and will be highlighted in a special program book. Winners will be notified in advance so they can make appropriate arrangements to attend.

ENTRY FROM:

Please complete with full and accurate contact information. This information will be used to notify winners and communicate details about award events.

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

AWARD CATEGORIES (select all that apply) (see page 2 for detailed criteria)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Development/Innovation Award
(construction/development of an associated facilities project (i.e. recycle center, alternative site use, new process or new technique) | <input type="checkbox"/> Service Provider of the Year (Contractor or other Service provider) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety/Environmental/Quality (i.e. record, new programs implemented, construction /reclamation) | <input type="checkbox"/> LDC awards (Localized Distribution Company, may be submitted by company or other organization, based on overall scope of work including innovation, safety, environment, community outreach etc...) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Outreach (Communication, Community/Civic relations, Public Awareness/Outreach, School Programs/Initiatives) | <input type="checkbox"/> Operator of the Year (Upstream or Midstream, may be submitted by company or other organization, based on overall scope of work including innovation, safety, environment, community outreach etc...) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership (joint venture to achieve a task) | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Potential recognition might include: safety, workmanship, leadership, initiative, innovation, public relations, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership award (individual award for an industry member or volunteer who has gone above and beyond their duties either for the company they represent, or for the industry as a whole) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other The applicant should submit any project(s) for this category which fall outside the focus area of the other award criterion |

Title of Entry: _____

Entry Synopsis: (Between 250-600 words attached on separate document) Your synopsis directs the attention of judges to important features of your entry. Briefly explain any unique need for the entry, how you developed it and the results it achieved. How did it work to achieve your objectives? Provide data that show results. Your synopsis quickly summarizes the reasons why your entry deserves an award. It should be no longer than two pages. Please feel free to reference supporting documents in your synopsis.

Supporting Documents: Please include any supporting documents as identified in synopsis.

Type/Title of Supporting Information _____

Entry Submitted by: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Virginia DMME

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Judging Categories:

Development/Innovation

This award is set forth to acknowledge a company's efforts to positively impact the natural gas industry in Virginia, by developing and/or applying existing technology to improve the natural gas industry in the Commonwealth of Virginia. In order to be recognized, the applicant should submit any project(s) which demonstrate the use of technology and/or innovation to resolve a particular problem, meet an objective, implement a potential solution and measure its overall effectiveness. These project(s) can be focused on, or be a combination of, any aspect(s) related to natural gas production, transmission and distribution of natural gas in the Commonwealth of Virginia. These aspects are, but are not limited to, acquisition, reserves, exploration, drilling, completion, production, operation, processing and reclamation. The applicant should submit an entry describing all aspects of the project(s) and how they were innovative, creative and coordinated to resolve an issue and meet the stated objective. The applicant should also detail the project(s) potential application on a broader scale within their own operations and throughout the oil and gas industry.

Safety/Environmental/Quality

This award is set forth to acknowledge a company's efforts and performance related to operating responsibly for its stakeholders and/or being a good steward of the environment. In order to receive this award, the applicant should submit any project(s) or program(s) which demonstrate excellence in any area associated with safe operations, protection of the environment and/or regulatory compliance during the production, transmission and/or distribution of natural gas in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The criteria of this award includes, but is not limited to, a company's incident rate, incident prevention program, proactive safe culture and overall effectiveness of project(s) and/or program(s) inside the areas of focus. All applicants should submit any entries describing all major aspects of the project(s) and/or program(s) and how they were innovative, executed and coordinated throughout the company and/or community.

Community Outreach

This award is set forth to acknowledge a company's efforts related to community outreach in a particular community or area of operation. The recipient of this award will have established a project(s) or program(s) which made positive and lasting effects on a particular or several different aspects of a community located where the production, transmission and/or distribution of natural gas occurs in the Commonwealth of Virginia. In order to receive this award, the applicant should submit any project(s) and/or program(s) which demonstrate excellence in areas associated with educational programs, community initiatives, public awareness and/or community outreach. The criteria of this award includes, but is not limited to, a company's cumulative efforts, employee involvement, positive impact and overall effectiveness of project(s) and/or program(s) inside the areas of focus. The applicant should submit an entry describing all major aspects of the project(s) and/or program(s), how they were coordinated throughout the company and how they benefited the community.

Partnership

This award is set forth to acknowledge a joint venture or partnership which made a positive impact in/for the natural gas industry in the Commonwealth of Virginia. In order to be recognized, the applicant should submit any project(s) and program(s) which demonstrate a coordinated effort between two or more entities of the natural gas industry in the Commonwealth of Virginia. These efforts must have made a positive impact for the industry and/or communities in which natural gas is produced, transmitted or distributed in the Commonwealth of Virginia. All parties of the partnership should jointly submit one entry describing all major aspects of the project(s) or program(s) and how the areas of responsibility were coordinated between the entities participating, as well as the overall effectiveness of the project(s) or program(s).

Judging Categories: *(cont.)*

Leadership award

This award is set forth to acknowledge an individual industry leader or volunteer who has gone above and beyond their duties either for the company they represent or for the industry as a whole. Entries will be judged on an individual basis and will focus on the individual's involvement, positive impact and overall effectiveness of project(s) and/or program(s) they may have contributed to.

Service Provider of the Year

This award is set forth to acknowledge any service provider within the production, transmission and/or distribution of natural gas in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The applicant should demonstrate excellence in safety, environmental conservation, regulatory compliance, community outreach, innovation and/or development. The applicant should submit an entry describing all major aspects of the project(s) and/or program(s) and how the applicant met the criteria of this award.

LDC of the Year

This award is set forth to acknowledge a localized distribution company of natural gas in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The applicant should demonstrate excellence in safety, environmental conservation, regulatory compliance, community outreach, innovation and/or development. The applicant should submit an entry describing all major aspects of the project(s) and/or program(s) and how the applicant met the criteria of this award.

Operator of the Year

This award is set forth to acknowledge any operator within the production of natural gas in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The applicant should demonstrate excellence in safety, environmental conservation, regulatory compliance, community outreach, innovation and/or development. The applicant should submit an entry describing all major aspects of the project(s) and/or program(s) and how the applicant met the criteria of this award.

Individual

This award is set forth to recognize individuals for their achievements and service to the Virginia Gas and Oil Industry. The individual award has a broad range of potential categories of recognition, such as (but not limited to) safety, workmanship, leadership, initiative, innovation, public relations, etc. Judging will focus on the individual's involvement, positive impact and commitment within the Virginia Gas and Oil Industry.

Other

This category/award is set forth to acknowledge special effort(s) and/or program(s) of excellence in or relating to the natural gas industry of the Commonwealth of Virginia. These effort(s) and/or program(s) must produce exceptional results, above and beyond the scope of normal operations and responsible stewardship. The applicant should submit any project(s) for this category which fall outside the focus area of the other award criterion. All entries for this award are subject to re-categorization into another award's criteria at the judging committee's discretion. The applicant should submit an entry describing all major aspects of the project(s) and/or program(s) and how they were coordinated throughout the project's duration.