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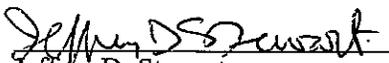
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TO: All Mineral Mine Operators
FROM: 
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SUBJECT: Virginia Mineral Mine Safety Awards
DATE: March 28, 2013

The Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy - Division of Mineral Mining (DMM) and the Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance (VTCA) are accepting applications for the annual Virginia Mineral Mine Safety Awards. This annual award program is modeled after similar programs sponsored by other state and federal agencies and organizations. The Virginia Mineral Mine Safety Awards allow DMM and VTCA to publicly recognize outstanding safety achievements in the state's mineral mining industry. We would like to see Virginia mine operators and employees receive recognition for mine safety achievements. We encourage your participation.

In 2012, the sixth year of the Virginia Mineral Mine Safety Awards Program, the following Virginia mineral mine operations and mine employees were recognized for their outstanding mine safety achievements:

Quarry

0 – 50,000 Employee Hours

Vulcan Construction Materials – Stafford Quarry

50,000 – 100,000 Employee Hours

Vulcan Construction Materials – Graham Quarry

100,000+ Employee Hours

Titan America – Roanoke Cement

Open Pit

0 – 10,000 Employee Hours

Aggregate Industries, Inc. – Ashland Sand & Gravel

10,000 – 20,000 Employee Hours

Aggregate Industries, Inc. – King George Sand & Gravel

20,000+ Employee Hours

Vulcan Materials Company, Puddledock Sand & Gravel

Individual Safety Awards

25 Years without a Lost Time Injury

Joe Brisendine, Vulcan Materials Company – Richmond Quarry

Grafton Heisler, U.S. Silica – Montpelier Mine

Preston Wheeler, Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. – Doswell

35 Years without a lost time injury

Lee Roy Carter, Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. – Doswell

Robert Larry Nidermaier, Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. – Doswell

Michael Reed, Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. – Doswell

Jeff Stump, Titan America – Roanoke Cement

45 Years without a lost time injury

William D. Dalton, Holston River Quarry

To take part in the program, please complete the enclosed forms and enclose a brief narrative describing your safety program. A listing of eligibility criteria is also attached for your information. **You must apply and meet minimum requirements to be considered for an award. Applications will be accepted thru May 23, 2013.** Applications may be hand delivered or mailed to the attention of Jeff Stewart at the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy, Division of Mineral Mining, 900 Natural Resources Drive, Suite 400, Charlottesville, VA 22903.

Award Criteria

Applications for the Virginia Mineral Mine Safety Awards may be submitted for the following categories: Quarry (Surface and Underground) and Open Pit (Sand, Clay, Dredge, Dragline, etc.). Three awards will be given in each category to recognize small, medium and large operations. The period covered for the safety awards program is from January 1 to December 31, 2012.

<u>Quarry</u>	<u>Open Pit</u>
0 – 50,000 employee hours	0 - 10,000 employee hours
50,000 – 100,000 employee hours	10,000 - 20,000 employee hours
100,000 + employee hours	20,000+ employee hours

The mine operation having the highest number of employee hours, with no occupational injuries, in each category, will receive the Virginia Mineral Mine Safety Award. If no mine meets this requirement, an award may be given to the mine having the lowest incident rate (employee hours worked vs. occupational injuries) for the calendar year, in that category. Individual employee safety awards will also be considered for persons who reach twenty-five, thirty-five, or forty-five consecutive years in the mining industry without a lost time injury during the award year. All award winners will receive a certificate acknowledging their achievement. Mine safety awards will be presented at the VTCA Annual Meeting, July 10-13, 2013, at The Homestead in Hot Springs, Virginia. Individual employee safety awards will be presented to the winners at their work location.

DMM and VTCA believe that the Virginia Mineral Mine Safety Award program provides an incentive to your employees to work with care, and instill pride in those responsible for a winning effort. We hope that you will participate in this safety program.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact any Division of Mineral Mining representative or call (434) 951-6315. We look forward to receiving your response.

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VIRGINIA MINERAL MINE SAFETY AWARD

Application For Consideration

Calendar Year 2012 (Note: This report covers the period January 1 to December 31, 2012)

Category (Indicate One):

Quarry

Open Pit

- 0 – 50,000 employee hours
- 50,000 – 100,000 employee hours
- 100,000 + employee hours

- 0 - 10,000 employee hours
- 10,000 - 20,000 employee hours
- 20,000 + employee hours

Company Name: _____

Name of Mine: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Virginia Mine Permit No. _____ MSHA I.D. No. (if applicable) _____

Number of Production Workers: _____

Total Production Hours (Employee Hours): _____

Number of Occupational Injuries: _____

ON A SEPARATE PAGE, PLEASE SUBMIT A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR SAFETY PROGRAM: (Describe training plan, training sessions, other educational programs, incentive program, any public recognition your company has received for its efforts towards a safe working environment, etc.)

I hereby certify that the information submitted on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Person Completing Application _____

Print Name

Signature

Title

Date

Telephone

e-mail

Application Deadline May 23, 2013

In order to verify injuries and work hours the applicant must be willing to allow reasonable access to work and accident records.

INDIVIDUAL SAFETY AWARD

Application For Consideration

Name of Miner recommended for award: _____

Occupation of Miner: _____

Name of Employer: _____

Name of Operation: _____

Address of Operation: _____

Virginia Mine Permit No. _____ MSHA I.D. No. (if applicable) _____

Individual Categories: (Indicate One)

Individual working 45 Years without a lost time injury as of the award year

Individual working 35 Years without a lost time injury as of the award year

Individual working 25 Years without a lost time injury as of the award year

NOTE: Individuals may receive only one safety award within each category. Award milestone must be reached during the 2012 calendar year.

Period of time worked by miner. (Give dates and locations worked and account for required time within category applied for. Use additional space if necessary.)

I hereby certify that the information submitted on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Person Completing Application _____

Print Name

Signature

Title

Date

Telephone

e-mail

Application Deadline May 23, 2013

In order to verify injuries and work hours the applicant must be willing to allow reasonable access to work and accident records.

VIRGINIA MINERAL MINE SAFETY AWARD CRITERIA

*Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy
Division of Mineral Mining
Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance*

Mine Categories

Virginia Mines that have outstanding safety performance may be nominated for awards in the following categories:

Quarry

0 – 50,000 employee hours
50,000 – 100,000 employee hours
100,000 + employee hours

Open Pit

0 - 10,000 employee hours
10,000 - 20,000 employee hours
20,000 + employee hours

All Applicants Must Meet the Following Requirements

- No applicant will be considered that has incurred a **serious personal injury** or **fatality** during the award application period.
- Employee-hours should not include office work.
- Each applicant must have a Virginia Mine Permit Number and if applicable an MSHA I.D. Number.

After review by the Virginia Division of Mineral Mining, the mine operation having the highest number of employee-hours with no occupational injuries in each category, will receive the Virginia Mineral Mine Safety Award. If no mine meets this requirement, an award may be given to the mine having the lowest incident rate (employee hours worked vs. occupational injuries) for the calendar year, in that category.

A responsible individual with the mine will be required to sign an affidavit stating that the submitted information is true and correct. **In order to verify injuries and work hours the applicant must be willing to allow reasonable access to work and accident records.** MSHA and DMM accident files will be reviewed prior to selection of the award winners.

Virginia Mineral Mine Safety Awards will be presented at the VTCA Annual Meeting in July 2013 at The Homestead.

Application Deadline: May 23, 2013

Individual Categories

Individual Virginia miners who have outstanding safety performance may be nominated for awards in the following categories:

- **Individuals** working 45 years without a lost time injury as of the award year.
- **Individuals** working 35 years without a lost time injury as of the award year.
- **Individuals** working 25 years without a lost time injury as of the award year.

NOTE: Individuals may receive only one safety award within each category. These awards will only be presented in the year that these milestones are reached.

All Applicants Must Meet the Following Requirements

- The employee's experience must have been primarily in the field, on a mine site. Office workers are not eligible for the award.
- A minimum of 130 days must have been worked at a mine site during each calendar year.
- All work must have been in the Virginia mining industry or with a contractor serving the industry.

A responsible individual will be required to sign an affidavit stating that the submitted information is true and correct. **In order to verify injuries and work hours the applicant must be willing to allow reasonable access to work and accident records.** MSHA and DMM accident files will be reviewed prior to selection of the award winners.

Individual Mine Safety Awards will be presented at the individual's work location.

Application Deadline: May 23, 2013
