

## Tracking of Mud and Debris onto Public Roads

Mud and debris tracked onto public roads leads to numerous complaints at mineral mines in Virginia. 4 VAC 25-31-350 of the Virginia Reclamation Regulations (2003) requires that roads shall be surfaced and maintained to prevent the depositing of mud and debris on public roads. The following are some precautions mines have taken to prevent the tracking of mud and debris onto public roads and have helped prevent complaints involving this problem:



- Construct the principal access road with asphalt or concrete in such a manner that it can be routinely washed down using a water truck, etc. Install pavement such that water will not drain onto the public road.
- Maintain a sweeper at the mine to sweep off the mine entrance road and/or public road periodically.
- Use a vacuum truck to clean off the mine entrance road and/or public road periodically.
- Install a wheel wash system that washes the tires of over-the-road trucks **before they leave** the mine site.
- When crushed stone is used to surface the mine entrance road, periodically resurface the road or rough up the stone to prevent the buildup of mud, etc. on its surface.