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## **Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy Geologists Contribute to Comprehensive Geology Book**

**Charlottesville, Va.** - Three Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy geologists contributed to the first comprehensive review of Virginia's geology in over 100 years. *The Geology of Virginia* was recently released as the 18<sup>th</sup> special publication from the Virginia Museum of Natural History.

The book is over 500 pages and includes sections on specific areas of the Commonwealth as well as valuable mineral resources. Rick Berquist and William Lassetter, both with DMME's Division of Geology and Mineral Resources, and James Lovett, with DMME's Division of Gas and Oil co-authored four sections of the book.

"To see the names of our geologists in this book is a testament to the experienced people and the scope of work that geoscientists perform here at DMME," said State Geologist David Spears. "Our research is providing critical information for businesses, government and citizens in decision making and planning for their future. We are happy to contribute to this comprehensive review of our Commonwealth's geology."

Rick Berquist served as a co-author on sections of the book featuring the History of Geologic Research in Virginia and focusing on geology in Virginia's Coastal Plain. William Lassetter was one of the authors to the portion on non-fuel minerals in Virginia. And, James Lovett co-authored the section on coal. Several former geologists with DMME also contributed to the work.

*The Geology of Virginia* is available on the Virginia Museum of Natural History's [website](#). You can find more information about DMME's geologic work in Virginia on our [website](#).

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