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DMME Lebanon and Big Stone Gap Offices to Close on Fridays

Beginning February 2017

Offices to Open Longer Monday through Thursday

Big Stone Gap, Va.— Effective February 1, 2017, Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy's (DMME) Big Stone Gap and Lebanon offices will be closed on Friday. However, offices will be open from 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

The change comes after recent mandated state budget cuts. The schedule change will save the agency nearly \$30,000 annually and significantly reduce energy usage. DMME's Charlottesville office already operates on this schedule.

Emergency responders and field inspectors will still be available Monday through Friday and when needed. DMME's Richmond office will continue to operate five days a week from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Emergency contacts can be found on DMME's website under [contact us](#).

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