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Virginia Mines Recognized for Safety and Reclamation

Charlottesville, Va. - Virginia's mineral mining industry was recently recognized for an exemplary safety record for 2015 and outstanding reclamation. The Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME) and the Virginia Transportation and Construction Alliance (VTCA) award mines and miners annually for outstanding work.

“Safety is priority for DMME and for the many companies operating in the Commonwealth,” said DMME’s Director of Mineral Mining, Phil Skorupa. “Our efforts, combined with VTCA, and the safety culture at each of these sites is working and these mine operators deserve a pat on the back for making sure their employees return home safely every day.”

Nearly 250 mineral mines in Virginia did not have a lost time accident in 2015. The eight mines being recognized for their safety records in 2015 worked the highest number of production hours in their category for the year without a lost time accident for a total of 403,423 hours.

Top winners in each Quarry category included:

- Chantilly Crushed Stone, Inc., Chantilly Quarry, Loudoun County, 126,183 hours
- Martin Marietta Materials, Inc., Doswell Quarry, Hanover County, 65,237 hours
- Salem Stone Corporation, Acco Stone Co., Montgomery County, 44,373 hours
- Stuart M. Perry Inc., Clark Quarry, Clarke County, 24,506 hours

Top winners in the Open Pit category included:

- USC Saltville Brine, LLC, Saltville Salt Company, Washington County, 103,482 hours
- Titan Mid-Atlantic Aggregates LLC, Castle Sands Co., Craig County, 25,641 hours
- DWH, LLC., Taylor Farm Pit, City of Virginia Beach, 9,877 hours
- Holland Sand Pit, Holland Sand Pit, City of Suffolk, 4,124 hours

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Safety awards were presented at the VTCA conference in Virginia Beach on July 16, 2016. DMME has received 45 nominations for individual employees who have mined for at least 15 years without a lost time accident. Those awards will be presented later this year.

Reclamation Award winners were also selected by the Orphan Land Advisory Committee at their annual meeting in June. These mines are chosen for exemplary efforts in restoring the mine site to an environmentally friendly and usable land after mining is complete.

Receiving top honors was Luck Stone Corporation's Burkeville Plant in Nottoway County. The Mocassin Quarry operated by Mountain Materials, Inc. in Russell County received Honorable Mention in the Quarry category. Aggregate Industries Fulks Pit in Spotsylvania County took the same title in the Non-Quarry category.

For more information on mineral mining in Virginia visit our [website](#).

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