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## **Virginia Mines Recognized for Exemplary Safety and Reclamation** *Mineral Miners worked a total of over four million hours without a lost time accident.*

**Charlottesville, Va.** – Virginia’s mineral mining industry is receiving recognition for an exemplary safety record and for outstanding reclamation of mined land during 2018. Miners recorded over four million hours of work without lost time accidents. 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 in both areas.

“Safety is DMME’s first priority for the companies operating mines in the Commonwealth,” said DMME’s Mineral Mining Director Phil Skorupa. “When we combine efforts with the mine operators and the VTCA, we instill a strong safety culture at each mining operation. These employees are committed to safety and they deserve recognition for completing a year accident-free.”

In 2018, Virginia’s mines employed 2,930 production employees and 3,952 contract employees. Production employees worked 4,865,130 hours and contract employees worked 972,010 hours producing 64,845,434 tons. During 2018, 231 mineral mines in Virginia worked without having a lost time accident.

Safety and reclamation awards recognizing mine operators are presented during the VTCA’s Annual Conference at the Homestead in Hot Springs, Virginia on July 13, 2019.

The top eight mines were awarded for their safety records.

## **QUARRY OPERATIONS**

- **75,000 Employee Hours +**  
ON Minerals (Chemstone) Company, Winchester Plant Quarry, Frederick County, 107,911 hours
- **50,000- 75,000 Employee Hours**  
Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. Doswell Quarry, Hanover County, 63,274 hours
- **25,000 – 50,000 Employee hours**  
Luck Stone Corporation Spotsylvania Plant Quarry, Spotsylvania County, 47,198 hours
- **0 - 25,000 Employee Hours**  
BWI Abingdon, LLC., Abingdon Quarry, Washington County, 24,938 hours

## **OPEN PIT OPERATIONS**

- **30,000 Employee Hours +**  
USC Saltville Brine, LLC. Saltville Salt Co., Washington County, 92,961 hours
- **10,000 – 30,000 Employee Hours**  
Branscome, Inc. Hofmeyer Pit, Charles City County, 26,615 hours
- **5,000 – 10,000 Employee Hours**  
Bardon, Inc. Rappahannock Farm, King George County, 9,867 hours
- **0 - 5,000 Employee Hours**  
Adams Construction Company, Daniel Sand Plant, Halifax County, 4,816 hours

DMME also recognized 43 individuals who have worked in the mining industry for a minimum of 15 years up to 45 years without a lost time accident. DMME presents the individual recognition awards at the mine site.

Exemplary reclamation was also awarded. At their annual meeting in June, The Orphan Land Advisory Committee selected mines for their efforts in restoring land disturbed by mining to an environmentally friendly and usable state after mining is complete.

Receiving honors for reclamation are:

### **OVERALL WINNER AND NON-QUARRY WINNER**

- Hoover Color Corporation, #1 Mine, Pulaski County.

### **HONORABLE MENTION NON-QUARRY**

- Hill Sand and Gravel, Inc. Hill # 2 Mine Quarry, Accomack County
- Simons Hauling Co. Inc. Grapevine Road Pit, Henrico County
- The Curtis Group, Southampton Pit, Southampton County

**QUARRY WINNER**

- Luck Stone Corporation, Green Quarry, Greene County

**HONORABLE MENTION QUARRY**

- Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC Speers Ferry Quarry, Scott County

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

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