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## **Virginia Mines Recognized for Exemplary Safety Records** *Mineral Miners worked a total of nearly four million hours in 2019 without a lost time accident.*

**Charlottesville, Va.** – Virginia’s mineral mining industry is receiving recognition for an exemplary safety records during 2019. Miners recorded nearly 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.

“Work that occurs safely at our mine sites should be recognized and celebrated,” said DMME’s Director of Mineral Mining Phil Skorupa. “We had several companies go the year without an accident and nearly 60 individual miners who have spent decades in this industry with impeccable safety records. We applaud them all for their attention to detail while doing their jobs in a safe manner.”

In 2019, Virginia’s mines employed 3,789 production employees and 4,290 contract employees. Production employees worked 5,775,928 hours and contract employees worked 852,051 hours producing 67,850,818 tons. During 2019, mineral mines in Virginia worked 3,981,484 hours without having a lost time accident.

DMME recognized 57 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.

Virginia has 432 mineral mines. The top eight mines were awarded for their safety records.

## QUARRY OPERATIONS

- **75,000 Employee Hours +**  
E. Dillon & Company, Mine #1, Russell County, 100,643 hours
- **50,000- 75,000 Employee Hours**  
Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC, Graham Quarry, Fairfax County, 60,985 hours
- **25,000 – 50,000 Employee hours**  
Luck Stone Corporation, Powhatan Plant, Powhatan County, 47,157 hours  
\*The Powhatan Plant is celebrating 16 years without a lost time accident.
- **0 - 25,000 Employee Hours**  
Martin Marietta Materials, Inc., Red Hill Quarry, Albemarle County, 24,583 hours

## OPEN PIT OPERATIONS

- **30,000 Employee Hours +**  
Nestle Purina Petcare, Nestle Purina Petcare, King William County, 103,969 hours
- **10,000 – 30,000 Employee Hours**  
Luck Stone Corporation, Caroline Sand & Gravel, Caroline County, 24,228
- **5,000 – 10,000 Employee Hours**  
Branscome, Inc., Lee/Bickford Pit, James City County, 9,736 hours
- **0 - 5,000 Employee Hours**  
Adams Construction Company, Dan River Sand Plant, Halifax County, 4,820 hours

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

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