



**PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER  
TO CONDUCT RECLAMATION ACTIVITIES**  
(Abandoned Mine Land Program)

IN THE MATTER OF: **PIPPIN DRAINAGE PROJECT**

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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

The Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy, Division of Mined Land Reclamation, of the Commonwealth of Virginia, pursuant to the authority granted in the Virginia Coal Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1979 (Chapter 19, Article 4, Section 45.1-260 et seq.) with funding provided by the **2013** Consolidated Grant, has determined and found that:

Land located **within the Town of Wise, approximately 0.3 mile west of the intersection of State Route 646 and State Route 640** in **Wise** County Virginia, has been adversely affected by past coal mining practices, to wit:

1. Property owners, both known and unknown, are hereby notified of the Division's intention to reclaim the area adversely affected by past coal mining practices. The purpose of this Notice is to provide notice to any landowners, heirs, assigns and devisees who may be affected by the proposed reclamation and who have not been identified and who have not granted written consent.
2. The public health, safety and property is endangered by: **mine works that are impounding water and drainage from these mine.**
3. The proposed action consists of:
  - a) Improvement of existing access roads to the mine site;
  - b) Opening one mine entry, installing pipes for drainage, and resealing the mine entry;
  - c) Installation of surface and subsurface drains to convey water around the mine entry and from the mine to existing drainage structures;
  - d) Regrading and revegetating all areas disturbed by this work. Approved seed mixtures will be used;
  - e) Installation and maintenance of standard erosion and sediment control measures throughout the duration of this project. All sediment and erosion control structures will be removed upon completion of the project.

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4. Known property owner(s) in the area of the proposed reclamation are:

**Don and Gigi R. Pippin**  
**Linda Mullins**

Based upon the above findings, the Commonwealth of Virginia, acting by and through the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy, Division of Mined Land Reclamation, its agents, employees and contractors, gives notice that 30 days from this Notice being published in *Coalfield Progress*, and posted on the property, the Division will initiate and continue until the proposed work on the **Pippin Drainage Project** is complete, and shall do all things necessary and expedient to protect the public health, safety and general welfare. Such entry shall not be construed as an act of condemnation of property nor of trespass thereon.

A copy of this notice can also be found on our website at  
<https://www.dmme.virginia.gov/PublicMeetings/PublicNotices.shtml>.

For further information contact the Division of Mined Land Reclamation at the following address:

Attention: AML Section  
VA Dept. of Mines, Minerals & Energy  
P. O. Drawer 900  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

The telephone number is (276) 523-8206.

DATE 8/3/15 BY Randy Casey  
**Division Director**