

VIRGINIA COAL MINE SAFETY AWARD CRITERIA

Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy Virginia Coal Mine Safety Board

Large Underground Mine Category

- **Eligibility Range:** 75,001 + employee-hours for the calendar year
- **Minimum Requirements:** 75,001 employee-hours for the calendar year

Medium Underground Mine Category

- **Eligibility Range:** Up to 75,000 employee-hours for the calendar year
- **Minimum Requirements:** 25,001 employee-hours for the calendar year

Small Underground Mine Category

- **Eligibility Range:** Up to 25,000 employee-hours for the calendar year
- **Minimum Requirements:** 10,000 employee-hours for the calendar year

Large Surface Category (Strip, Auger, Prep. Plant, Construction Crew, etc.)

- **Eligibility Range:** 50,001 + employee-hours for the calendar year
- **Minimum Requirements:** 50,001 employee-hours for the calendar year

Medium Surface Category (Strip, Auger, Prep. Plant, Construction Crew, etc.)

- **Eligibility Range:** Up to 50,000 employee-hours for the calendar year
- **Minimum Requirements:** 25,001 employee-hours for the calendar year

Small Surface Category (Strip, Auger, Prep. Plant, Construction Crew, etc.)

- **Eligibility Range:** Up to 25,000 employee-hours for the calendar year
- **Minimum Requirements:** 10,000 employee-hours for the calendar year

Individual Categories

Individual Virginia Miners who have outstanding safety performance may be nominated for awards by the Board.

- **Individuals** working 20+ years without a lost time injury will receive a plaque.
- **Individuals** working 10 years or longer without a lost time injury will receive a framed certificate.
- **An underground mine** working five consecutive years without lost time injury, **all** miners will be recognized with a plaque.
- **A surface operation** working ten years without a lost time injury, **all** miners will be recognized with a plaque.

NOTE: Individuals may receive only one safety award within each category.

All Applicants Must Meet The Following Requirements

- Employee-hours should not include clerical and office work
- Minimum of 180 days worked during calendar year
- Must have a Virginia Mine Index Number and/or MSHA I.D. Number

After review by the Virginia Coal Mine Safety Board, the mine/operation having the highest number of employee-hours, with zero (0) lost time accidents in each category, will receive the Mine Safety Award. Any other mines which meet the minimum requirements in their category and have zero (0) lost time accidents will be given Certificate Awards.

If no mine which meets the minimum requirements for consideration has zero (0) lost time accidents during the calendar year, an Award will be given to the mine having the lowest NFDL Rate for the calendar year in that category.

A responsible individual with the mine will be required to sign an affidavit stating that the submitted information is true and correct. MSHA and DM accident files will be reviewed by the Board prior to selection of the award winners.