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COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM - NO. 01 -2020

TO: All Licensed Operators

FROM: James P. Skorupa, Director

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'James P. Skorupa'.

DATE: March 23, 2020

SUBJECT: Mineral Mine Certification Expiration Dates Extended

Governor Ralph Northam recently declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 virus. As a result, DMM has cancelled all certification renewal classes for the near future. Because DMM is not offering renewal classes during this state of emergency, DMM will extend the expiration date of Mineral Mining certifications that are set to expire in April, May, and June 2020. DMM will extend this for additional months, as warranted.

In order to be eligible for this extension, **DMM must receive a complete renewal application prior to the current certification expiration date.** Applications must be submitted **online** at: <https://dmme.virginia.gov/dmmtraining>. If DMM does not receive a complete renewal application prior to the current certification expiration date, the certification will expire.

DMM has sent letters directly to the individuals whose certifications are set to expire in April, May, and June 2020, notifying them of this extension opportunity and the procedures for securing this extension.

After the Governor lifts the state of emergency, DMM will schedule certification renewal classes throughout the state and notify applicants of the classes that are available.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Stewart at jeff.stewart@dmme.virginia.gov or 434-951-6315. You may also contact your local Area Mine Inspector. Additional contact information can be found at: <https://dmme.virginia.gov>.