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## **COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM - NO. 02 -2020**

**TO: All Licensed Operators**

**FROM: James P. Skorupa, Director**

**DATE: May 20, 2020**

**SUBJECT: Mineral Mine Certification Expiration Dates Extension 2**

In March 2020, DMM issued Communication Memorandum No. 01-2020, which extended the certification expiration dates of Mineral Mining certifications that were set to expire in April, May, and June 2020, because DMM cancelled certification renewal classes in response to the COVID-19 virus state of emergency. In accordance with emergency restrictions still in force and following Governor Northam's phased guidelines for re-opening the state, DMM will not hold certification renewal classes for the near future.

However, DMM is issuing this subsequent Communications Memorandum to extend the expiration date of Mineral Mining certifications that are set to expire in July, August, and September 2020, in addition to those previously extended. Depending upon further re-opening phases and guidelines, DMM may further extend this for additional months, as necessary.

In order to be eligible for this extension, **DMM must receive a complete renewal application prior to the current certification expiration date of the certification.** 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 sent letters directly to the individuals whose certifications expire in April, May, and June 2020, notifying them of this extension opportunity. DMM will send letters to those that expire in July, August, and September 2020, also notifying them about the procedures for securing an extension.

As the Governor lifts the state of emergency restrictions and provides re-opening guidance, DMM will provide a means for certification renewal throughout the state and notify applicants of the availability and process for completing their renewal.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Stewart at [jeff.stewart@dmme.virginia.gov](mailto: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>.