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## COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM - NO. 04 -2020

**TO:** All Licensed Operators

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

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

**DATE:** August 24, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Mineral Mine Certification Expiration Dates Extension 3

DMM issued Communication Memorandum No. 01-2020 and Communication Memorandum No.02 - 2020 which extended the certification expiration dates of Mineral Mining certifications that were set to expire during the period beginning with April through September 2020, as a result of DMM cancelling "live" certification renewal classes in response to the COVID-19 virus state of emergency. At this time, DMM will continue to not hold "live" certification renewal classes.

However, DMM is again issuing this subsequent Communications Memorandum to extend the expiration date of Mineral Mining certifications that are set to expire in October, November, and December 2020, in addition to those previously extended for those that expire for the period mentioned above. Depending upon further guidelines, DMM may further extend expiration dates for additional months, as necessary.

In order to be eligible for this extension, DMM must receive a complete certification renewal application prior to the 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 will continue to send letters directly to the individuals whose certifications expire in October, November, and December 2020, notifying them of the expiration and extension opportunity. The letters to those will notify them about the procedures for securing an extension.

For those individuals who have secured an extension for their certification, their certifications will not expire. DMM is working on a means to provide training required for certification renewals and will 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>.