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Virginia Mines, Minerals and Energy Information Available Through New Internet Portal

Richmond, VA – Expanded Internet access to information on Virginia’s mines, minerals and energy resources is now available via the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy’s website, the agency announced today. Website visitors will be able to search geologic, mineral resource, energy and mining related publications and databases.

“Today, the public expects government agencies should make as much information as possible available from their websites,” said DMME Spokesperson Mike Abbott. “In response to these customer expectations, DMME is providing access to a wide selection of geologic, mineral resource and mining information using simple text- and map-based searches using a Google Maps interface.”

Information from the DMME website should appeal to a wide audience. The information has been tailored to be of interest to the mineral and gas and oil extraction industries, coal and mineral miners seeking information on certification, educators and researchers, planners, developers, local governments, the general public, and consumers seeking energy conservation and efficiency information.

Included in the web-accessible databases are the agency’s holdings of archived geologic maps, rock specimens, drill core samples and geochemical analyses of Virginia coal and limestone. DMME will also be adding more products to its online Web Store such as miner training materials, study guides, mine operator’s manuals and the Energy Savers Handbook.

DMME will soon be making available new web products and services to increase the effectiveness and accessibility of certification, educational

and training services to people working in the mineral extraction industries. The agency also continues development of a web-based Virginia Geologic Information Catalog that will standardize and consolidate all geologic and mineral resource data into a centralized system to make such information more accessible to its customers.

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