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**Governor McAuliffe Announces \$4.75 Million
Funding For Water Project in Buchanan County**
~Project will provide public water to 267 households ~

RICHMOND — Governor Terry McAuliffe announced today that the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME) will administer a federal grant totaling \$4,750,000 to provide public water to a community in Buchanan County affected by past coal mining practices. The water project has been selected for construction funding under Virginia’s Abandoned Mine Land (AML) FY14 Grant to be released in April 2014.

“I am pleased to announce the funding of the fifth phase of the Hurley Regional Water Project in Buchanan County,” said Governor McAuliffe. “I commend the initiative taken by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors to submit the application to bring clean public water to a total of 267 households.”

Hurley Regional Water Project Phase V - Buchanan County Board of Supervisors: The Hurley project represents the fifth phase of construction for the extension of public water service into the Hurley area of Buchanan County, Virginia. The project includes the construction of a water storage tank and a pump station. The funds will also pay for the replacement and upgrade of water lines to make this extension of public water possible and to provide an opportunity for future extensions.

Reclamation fees paid by the coal industry have funded the replacement of over 8500 domestic water supplies that were adversely affected by mining that occurred prior to passage of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. In addition to providing needed public

water supplies this project also creates a number of construction jobs to stimulate the local economy.

Funding for the DMME's water supply replacement projects is through reclamation fees paid by the coal industry.

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