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Range Resources Recognized as Operator of the Year in First Awards Given to Natural Gas Industry of Virginia

Virginia Beach, Va.- Range-Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. was recognized as Operator of the Year and other outstanding achievements by members of the gas and oil industry in Virginia were awarded by the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy at the Virginia Oil and Gas Association's conference in Virginia Beach in June.

Range Resources, based in Dickenson County, received the Operator of the Year award for demonstrating leadership in the Commonwealth's energy industry. The company grew in 2014 after purchasing around 3,000 wells. It has a plan in place to comply with new performance standards from the Environmental Protection Agency and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality in addition to an exemplary record with the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy.

"It's an honor and a privilege to work in the Commonwealth of Virginia, providing jobs and clean-burning energy security for the nation," said Jerry Grantham, Vice President of the Southern Appalachia Division of Range Resources. "But, it is especially humbling for the men and women who work at Range to receive this recognition. We take great pride in environmental and safety best practices and we commend the Commonwealth for developing this recognition, which we are confident will help to foster even greater strides in the responsible development of Virginia's vast natural gas reserves."

Ten other awards were given at the conference.

Service Provider of the Year: Deel Construction was awarded for years of continued commitment to health, safety, service quality, professionalism and integrity.

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Civic and Environmental Partnership Award: The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation was recognized for this partnership with several gas companies to create a positive impact on the industry. Thanks to the organization, led by Leon Boyd, more than 100 elk have been re-introduced in Virginia.

Community Innovation Award: Virginia Natural Gas and Norfolk Public School System partnered to create the C.A.R.E. program. It is designed for 4th graders and teaches the importance of underground utility safety and calling before digging.

Development and Innovation Award: CONSOL Energy/CNX Gas received this award that recognizes a company for developing technology to improve the natural gas industry. CNX has the Pipeline Integrity Management Program which is used in designing, constructing and maintenance of pipelines.

Safety and Partnership Award: The Richlands Fire and Rescue Department received the Safety Partnership Award for working with CNX Gas to develop a fire training school in Richlands.

Excellence in Education Award: Retired educator turned volunteer Mary Quillen received this award for her work in the Energy Expo for Dickenson County 6th graders. Ms. Quillen developed an in-classroom program to teach students about energy industries in Virginia and led the organization of inviting those companies to the expo event to speak with students.

Community Outreach Award: CONSOL Energy believes it is important to support the communities in which they operate. CNX Gas gave over \$200,000 to programs and projects throughout southwest Virginia in 2014. That money went to schools, food pantries, libraries, water projects and many more important community efforts.

Excellence in Safety Awareness: William Richardson with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management received this award for his organization of an event to develop emergency guidelines for gas and oil facilities in Virginia.

Innovation Partnership Award: Virginia Clean Cities was recognized for its efforts to promote Virginia's natural gas industry. The group aims to reduce dependence on foreign supplies and educates the public on the benefits of alternatively fueled vehicles.

Safety Award: CONSOL Energy/CNX Gas was awarded for safety. The company makes safety its top priority. Over the last 18 months improvements, such a new fire suppression systems have been placed in motor control centers.

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