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## Media Release

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### AWARDS PRESENTED TO VIRGINIA AGGREGATE PRODUCERS

Did you know that each person in the U.S. uses an average of *ten tons* of rock and mineral products every year? It is vital that we safely obtain the aggregate materials we need while protecting our environment.

A unique program in Virginia rewards companies who apply innovative techniques to reclaim land and who set the bar high with their safety and community outreach programs. VTCA, in conjunction with the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy – Division of Mineral Mining, presented the following awards on July 11:

**Safety Awards** are presented to mining operations in Virginia that have met or exceeded a benchmark of safety criteria in their day-to-day plant operations. Congratulations to these recipients of the 2015 Mineral Mine Safety Awards:

#### Quarry

0 – 25,000 Employee Hours: Vulcan Construction Materials – Dale Quarry, Chester, VA

25,000 – 50,000 Employee Hours: O-N Minerals (Chemstone) – Winchester Plant, Winchester, VA

50,000 – 75,000 Employee Hours: Stuart M. Perry, Inc. – Winchester Quarry, Winchester, VA

75,000+ Employee Hours: Mountain Materials, Inc. – Castlewood Plant, Castlewood, VA

#### Open Pit

0 – 5,000 Employee Hours: Holland Sand Pit, Suffolk, VA

5,000 – 10,000 Employee Hours: Bardon, Inc. – Mattaponi Sand/Gravel, King & Queen County, VA

10,000 – 30,000 Employee Hours: Iluka Resources, Inc. – Old Hickory Mine, Dinwiddie, VA

30,000+ Employee Hours: Bennett Mineral Company, Inc - #1, Walkerton, VA

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**Reclamation Awards from the Virginia Division of Mineral Mining** are presented to mining operations in Virginia that have been selected by their DMM inspector based on projects that have resulted in successfully reclaiming a portion of their permitted operations.

Overall Winner - Quarry

General Shale Brick, Mine 18 Yuma, Roanoke, VA

Honorable Mention – Quarry

Roanoke Cement Company – Roanoke Cement, Troutville, VA

Honorable Mention - Non-Quarry

Bardon, Inc. – Ashland Plant, Ashland, VA

Bay Sand Company – Mine #1, Smithfield, VA

***With over 300 corporate members, VTCA represents  
Virginia's transportation construction and aggregates industries.***