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Virginia Recognizes 25 Mines for Excellence in Worker Safety *Coal Miners worked 1.6 million hours without an injury in 2016*

Big Stone Gap, VA – The Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME) awarded 25 coal mines in the Commonwealth for no injuries on their sites in 2016. Sixty miners were also recognized with individual awards for working decades without an injury.

“Safety is our priority,” said Virginia Mine Chief Randy Moore. “We invest our resources in making sure our coal miners go home safe every day. While we strive for every site to have zero injuries. We are very proud that a majority of our producing coal mines have had an exemplary safety record this year.”

Even more admirable is the fact there were no fatalities in Virginia’s coal industry in 2016. The last incident occurred in March of 2015.

In 2016, 25 coal mines worked a combined over 1.6 million employee hours without a lost time accident. All of these mines were recognized for their extraordinary safety achievements with awards presented by DMME on behalf of the Virginia Mine Safety Board.

“The numbers tell an extraordinary story about mine safety in Virginia,” said DMME Deputy Director Butch Lambert. “The accomplishments achieved in 2016 are directly attributed to the people and programs of our coal mine safety division and I am proud of their success.”

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Top Winners in the Large Underground category included:

- Paramont Contura, LLC Deep Mine #26- 181,881 hours worked, *Dickenson County*
- Calico Coal, Inc., Meridian #2- 110,170 hours worked, *Buchanan County*

Top Winners in the Medium Underground category included:

- Capital Coal Corporation, No. 9- 61,210 hours worked, *Dickenson County*
- Jarisa, Inc., Deep Mine #25- 59,753 hours worked, *Dickenson County*
- AB&J Coal Company, Inc., No. 6- 49,977 hours worked, *Buchanan County*
- D&H Mining, Inc. No. 2- 43,7275 hours worked, *Buchanan County*

Top Winners in the Small Underground category included:

- DaCoal Mining, Inc., No. 5- 23,320 hours worked, *Buchanan County*
- Four O Mining Corporation, No. 10- 13,818 hours worked, *Dickenson County*

Top Winners in the Large Surface category included:

- Paramont Contura, LLC, 88 Strip- 196,461 hours worked, *Dickenson County*
- Clintwood Elkhorn Mining, LLC, Laurel Branch Surface- 125,893 hours worked, *Buchanan County*
- Dickenson Russell Contura, LLC, McClure River Prep Plant- 122,975 hours worked, *Dickenson County*
- The Black Diamond Company, Wellmore #8 Prep Plant, 101,732 hours worked, *Buchanan County*
- Lone Mountain Processing, Lone Mountain Processing- 88,893 hours worked, *Lee County*
- Surface Minerals Company, Huffman Fork- 78,722 hours worked, *Buchanan County*

Top Winners in the Medium Surface category included:

- Paramont Contura, LLC, Tom's Creek Prep Plant- 59,060 hours worked, *Wise County*
- Revelation Energy, LLC, P-7 Pigeon Creek- 57,101 hours worked, *Wise County*
- Ridgetop Development, LLC, #1- 49,874 hours worked, *Wise County*
- Humphreys Enterprises, Inc., No. 27 Strip- 46,983 hours worked, *Wise County*
- Clintwood Elkhorn Mining, LLC, Clintwood Elkhorn III- 36,752 hours worked, *Buchanan County*
- Power Fuels, LLC, Power Fuel Blending Terminal- 29,438 hours worked, *Wise County*
- Omega Highwall Mining, LLC, Hill Creek Surface/ West Fork- 25,356 hours worked, *Tazewell County*

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Top Winners in the Small Surface category included:

- Omega Surface Mining, LLC, Louis Lowe Surface Mine- 28,848 hours worked, *Buchanan County*
- C W Auger, Inc., No. 2- 19,870 hours worked, *Buchanan County*
- Extra Energy, Inc., VA Point No. 1 Surface- 13,900 hours worked, *Tazewell County*
- Twin Star Mining, Inc., No. 2 Surface- 13,740 hours worked, *Buchanan County*

SPECIAL SAFETY AWARDS

40 YEAR INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- Johnny Farmer, Paramont Contura, LLC – 45 years with no lost time accident
- Russell Warring, Apex Energy – 43 years “
- Roger Osborne, Ramaco Resources Land Holdings – 43 years “
- Mike Scott, Ramaco Resources Land Holdings – 43 years “
- Fred S. Greear, Paramont Contura, LLC – 42 years “
- Billy D. Cantrell, Paramont Contura, LLC – 41 years “
- Carmel E. Shell, Paramont Contura, LLC – 41 years “
- Jerry W. McCracken, Clintwood Elkhorn - 41 years “
- Randy Castle – Clintwood Elkhorn – 41 years “
- Ernest Adkins, Dickenson-Russell Contura – 40 years “
- Jeffrey Jones, Ramaco Resources Land Holdings – 40 years “
- Steven Jeb Turner, Revelation Energy – 40 years “

30 YEAR INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- Ralph Sparks, Ramaco Resources Land Holdings – 39 years with no lost time accident
- Benjamin R. Ray, Paramont Contura – 39 years
- Samuel E. Adkins, Paramont Contura – 39 years
- Lewis D. Balthis, Paramont Contura – 39 years
- Danny E. Brooks, Paramont Contura – 39 years
- John W. Odle, Paramont Contura – 38 years
- David O. Huffman, Paramont Contura – 38 years
- John L. Williams, Paramont Contura – 38 years
- Richard E. Jones, Paramont Contura – 37 years
- Tim Vicars, Paramont Contura – 37 years
- Greg Sanders, Paramont Contura – 37 years
- Randal L. Skidmore, Paramont Contura – 37 years
- Randy Brooks, Paramont Contura – 36 years
- Darrell Turner, Paramont Contura – 35 years
- Mike Dixon, Ramaco Resources Land Holdings – 35 years

- Tim Justus, Ramaco Resources Land Holdings – 35 years
- Wendall Roberts, Clintwood Elkhorn – 35 years
- Gerald R. Belcher, Paramount Contura – 30 years
- Charles R. Culbertson, Paramount Contura – 30 years
- Stevie J. Taylor, Paramount Contura – 30 years
- Wayne Woods, Paramount Contura – 30 years
- Edward Ray Dingus, Revelation Energy – 30 years
- Ronnie Lawson, Paramount Contura – 30 years

20 YEAR INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- Harold Mullins, Paramount Contura – 29 years with no lost time accident
- Teddy Powers, Paramount Contura – 28 years
- Paul Witt, Paramount Contura – 27 years
- Jerry Rose, Paramount Contura – 27 years
- Shane Adams, Paramount Contura – 24 years
- H. Jeff Mullins, Paramount Contura – 22 years
- Jeffery L. Cates, Paramount Contura – 21 years
- Dennis C. Boggs, Jr. , Paramount Contura – 20 years
- Bobby Stevenson, Ramaco Resources Land Holdings – 20 years
- Rufus J. Jewell, Revelation Energy – 20 years
- Joshua West, Dickenson Russell Contura – 20 years

10 YEAR INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- William W. Rasnic, Paramount Contura – 17 years with no lost time accident
- James Pennington, Ramaco Resources Land Holdings – 15 years
- Terry Fultz, Paramount Contura – 14 years
- Jessie Lester, Clintwood Elkhorn – 13 years
- Clinton H. Hurley, Clintwood Elkhorn – 13 years
- Carl L. Lovell, Jr., Clintwood Elkhorn – 13 years
- Paul R. Osborne, Paramount Contura – 11 years
- Jeffrey W. Mullin, Paramount Contura – 11 years s
- Kelvin L. Lewis, Clintwood Elkhorn – 11 years
- David McPeeks, Clintwood Elkhorn – 11 years
- Brian D. Williams, Paramount Contura – 10 years
- Floyd Cantrell, Paramount Contura – 10 years
- Charles L. Fletcher, Clintwood Elkhorn – 10 years
- Jeremy M. Mounts, Clintwood Elkhorn – 10 years

