

ORPHANED LAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

MAY 16th thru 18th, 2006

The Orphaned Land Advisory Committee Meeting was held at Hungry Mother State Park and Conference Center in Marion, Virginia on May 16, 2006 thru May 18, 2006. Committee members present were:

Mr. Walter Beck, Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance (VTCA)
Mr. Phil Davidson, Mining Industry Representative
Mr. Gerry Wilkes, Virginia (DMME), Division of Mineral Resources
Dr. Lee Daniels, Virginia Tech, Department of Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences
Mr. Palmer Sweet, Citizen Member
Mr. Earl Robb, Virginia Department of Transportation
Mr. David Lazarus – Department of Environmental Quality
Mr. Phillip Rippe – USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service

Mr. Conrad Spangler, DMME Division of Mineral Mining (DMM) Director; Mr. Allen Bishop, DMM Project Manager; Mr. Mac Hagy, DMM Mine Inspector and Ms. Lorrie Coiner, DMM Non-point Source Pollution Coordinator, were present as ex-officio non-voting members and advisors to the Committee.

Committee members selected Iluka Resources, Inc. – Old Hickory Operation as the best non-quarry and overall winner in the DMM/VAA Awards Program and to be nominated for the Interstate Mining Compact Commission National Award Program.

Cardinal Realty (Virginia) LLC – Galax Quarry was selected as the quarry division winner. were selected to receive Honorable Mention Awards. Brett Aggregates, Inc. – Meadow Road Plant, Luck Stone Corporation – King William Sand & Gravel, MD Spivey Sand Pit – Mine #1, Salem Stone Corporation – Sand Mountain Sand, Vulcan Construction Materials, LP – East Stone Gap Quarry were selected to receive Honorable Mention Awards.

The Committee by-laws were reviewed. Mr. Palmer Sweet's membership was renewed as the Private Citizen representative as was Mr. Walter Beck as the VTCA representative.

PowerPoint presentations of selected sites that had safety and/or environmental scores less than 100 were reviewed, as well as all sites with scores over 100. One hundred and fifty sites were inventoried and prioritized by the Committee this year with the assistance of University of Virginia inventory classes. The students entered data into the automated Internet inventory system. The inventory system continues to be enhanced in order to provide a comprehensive inventory of Abandoned Mineral Mines in Virginia.

A tour of the Saltville museum was held and three abandoned gypsum mines in the area were visited.