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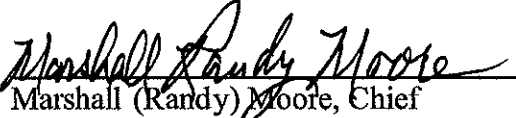
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## **MEMORANDUM DM-23-01**

TO: All Coal Mine Operators

FROM:   
Marshall (Randy) Moore, Chief

SUBJECT: ***Mine Incident Response, Rescue, and Recovery Plan***

DATE: January 1, 2023

In accordance with §45.2-555.F of the *Coal Mine Safety Laws of Virginia*, an updated copy of the annual Coal Mine Safety Program (CMS) Mine Incident Response, Rescue, and Recovery Plan (PLAN) is attached (and will be published on the CMS Web Site) for your information and review with all appropriate mine personnel. This plan addresses areas in which the CMS will need to coordinate with mine operators during a mine emergency. The "Mine Emergency Notification Sheet", included in the attached PLAN, should be completed and posted in a conspicuous location at the mine to be readily available should an emergency arise.

Distribution of the PLAN is scheduled annually to coincide with the "Winter Alert" period when the coal industry typically reviews the increased hazards for mine fires and explosions that develop with seasonal changes. You are encouraged to review the winter alert measures and the procedures for emergency response (developed specifically for your operation) with your staff and all miners.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this plan, please contact your DM Inspector or me at (276) 523-8226 / [Marshall.Moore@energy.virginia.gov](mailto:Marshall.Moore@energy.virginia.gov). Thank you.

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