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## **Virginia Recognizes 15 Mines, Over 70 Individuals for Excellence in Worker Safety**

### *DMME Receives National Awards for Safety Training Programs*

**Big Stone Gap, VA** – The Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME) awarded 15 coal mines in the Commonwealth that worked nearly two million hours combined without a lost time injury on their sites in 2019. Over 70 coal miners were also recognized with individual awards for working decades without an injury.

“Our operators and coal miners continue to promote and execute exceptional safety in the workplace,” said **Virginia Mine Chief Randy Moore**. “Our coal miners are the most valuable asset to the industry and it is an honor for our coal mine safety team to work alongside them to ensure they all return to their families at the end of their shift.”

Even more admirable is the fact there were no fatalities in Virginia’s coal industry in 2019. The Commonwealth’s last coal mining fatality was in 2015. In addition, DMME won more awards than any other state for safety training programs. The Mine Safety and Health Administration presented the awards during their national conference held virtually in October. DMME’s new Electrical Motor Guidebook and Surface Mine Foreman and Underground Mine Foreman continuing education training programs received top honors.

The mines and miners will be recognized for their extraordinary safety achievements with awards presented by DMME on behalf of the Virginia Mine Safety Board. Photos of the presentations will be posted on DMME’s website, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn accounts.

Below is a list of mines and miners that will be recognized for exemplary safety records in 2019:

### **LARGE UNDERGROUND CATEGORY**

- Buchanan Minerals, LLC, Buchanan Mine #1, Buchanan County – 1,312,164 employee hours

### **MEDIUM UNDERGROUND CATEGORY**

- Capital Coal Corporation, No. 10 mine, Wise County- 71,730 employee hours
- Jarissa Incorporated, Mine #24, Wise County- 71,050 employee hours
- AB&J Coal Company, Number Six Mine, Buchanan County- 47,274 employee hours
- CBS Energy, Lower Mill Mine, Buchanan County- 40,786 employee hours
- Estep Coal Company, OMM Mine, Wise County- 26,985 employee hours

### **LARGE SURFACE CATEGORY**

- Surface Minerals, Surface Mine No. 1, Buchanan County – 166,126 employee hours
- Dickenson Russell Contura, McClure Preparation Plant, Dickenson County -151,748 employee hours
- Surface Minerals Company, Huffman Fork Surface, Buchanan County, 94,101 employee hours
- JW Construction, No. 1 Surface, Wise County- 84,726 employee hours
- A&G Coal Corporation, Baden Strip #1, Dickenson County- 60,500 employee hours
- Paramount Contura LLC, Long Branch Surface, Dickenson County- 92,062 employee hours

### **MEDIUM SURFACE CATEGORY**

- JW Construction, No. 2 Strip, Wise County- 45,687 employee hours
- Surface Minerals Company, Huffman High Wall Miner, Buchanan County- 45,045 employee hours
- Paramount Contura LLC, Long Branch High Wall Miner, Dickenson County- 36,520 hours

### **40-YEAR INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

- Jimmie Adams, Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- Gilbert Clevinger, Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41
- Mark Cook, Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41
- Danny Lee, Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41
- James Jervis, Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- Benjamin Ray, Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- Jasper Reynolds, Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- Jonathan Robinson, Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41

### **30-YEAR INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

- James Addington, Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41
- Danny Bailey, Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- John Bolling, Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41
- Bryan Childress, Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41

- Trevor Childress, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- Jeffrey Hensley, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41
- Jerry Hicks, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- Ronald Lawson, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- Tony Lyall, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41
- Eddie Noble, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41
- Jim Rose, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41
- Gary Steele, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- James Steele Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41
- Percy Sturgill, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41

### **20-YEAR INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

- Samuel Adkins, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- David Bentley, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41
- Adam Kennedy, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- Matthew Meade, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41
- Thomas Meade, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41
- Scotty Mullins, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- Matthew Potter, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- William Rasnic, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- Robert Seabolt, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- Allen Shelton, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- Randy Sturgill, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- Loren Tolliver, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- Jeffrey Williams, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44

### **10-YEAR INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

- Damien Addington, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- Wes Collinworth, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- Jarvis Cox, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- Terry Fultz, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- Michael Gamble, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41
- Michael Garrett, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- Jarrod Giles, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41
- Lenny Gilliam, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41
- Gary Grimes, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41
- Steven Harvey, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- Charlie Hileman, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41
- Kevin Hopson, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41
- Jonas Houseright, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41
- George Jessee, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41
- Marcus Johnson, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41
- Brian Jones, Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41

- Lloyd Jones, Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- Ryan Lee, Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41
- Eric Martin, Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- Jimmy Martin, Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- Joshua Meade, Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41
- Keith McCracken, Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41
- Aaron Mullins, Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41
- Andrew Mullins, Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41
- Bradley Mullins, Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- Michael Mullins, Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41
- Joshua Pennington, Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- Samuel Powers, Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41
- Charles Reeves, Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- Alan Roberts Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- Roger Salyers, Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- Derek Sartin, Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41
- Bobby Shepherd, Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- Richie Sowards, Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- Doug Stanley, Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- Garrett Stanley Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41
- Shannon Strouth, Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41
- Kenneth Thomas, Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 41
- John Tompa, Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44
- Gary Woodruff, Paramount Contura LLC, Deep Mine 44