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## Virginia Energy Recognizes Coal Industry for Exemplary Safety and Reclamation Efforts in 2021

*~Virginia Coal Miners Worked Over One Million Hours without a Lost Time Accident in 2021 ~*

**Lebanon, Va.** - Virginia's Coal Industry was recognized and celebrated for an exemplary safety record and excellence in reclamation by the Virginia Department of Energy (Virginia Energy) and the Metallurgical Coal Producers Association (MCPA) this week.

Coal miners across the Commonwealth put in over one million work hours without any lost time accidents. There were no fatalities at coal mines in Virginia, either. Virginia Energy regulates safety at these sites.

"We can't stress enough how important the people are to us and we never want to miss the opportunity to celebrate this culture of safety at many of our mines," said **Virginia Energy Director of Coal Programs Randy Moore**. "The combination of Virginia Energy's inspection and support teams with and the commitment of our operators makes a difference in the mining environment."

"The mining industry is committed to protecting our environment and operating safely. We are proud of the men and women of our industry who will be recognized as some of the best in the business," said **MCPA President Ben Beakes**. "We are also grateful for our partnership with Virginia Energy to ensure we mine the best metallurgical coal, used to make steel, in a responsible manner. Our nation needs met coal to make steel in order to build infrastructure. It takes safe and environmentally friendly operations to do it."

Coal mines without lost time accidents this year were recognized at the MCPA banquet by category. Those with the most working hours in each category were deemed the winner of each category.

### **Small Underground**

**Inmet Mining, LLC, D-7 Osaka, 0.00 (18,181 hours)**

### **Small Surface**

#### **J.W. Construction Co. Inc., # 1 Mine (22,149 hours)**

Extra Energy, Inc., Virginia Point Surface Mine (20,990 hours)

J. W. Construction Co. Inc., Hickory Gap Strip (15,846 hours)

### **Medium Underground**

#### **Capital Coal Corp., No. 11 Mine (47,152 hours)**

Ramaco Land Holdings, LLC, Tiller No. 1 Mine (39,933 hours)

Inmet Mining, LLC, D-31 Cut Through (25,304 hours)

### **Medium Surface**

#### **Russell County Reclamation, LLC, Moss # 3 (42,782 hours)**

Paramont Contura, LLC, Long Branch High Wall Mine (36,442 hours)

Paramont Contura, LLC, 88 Strip High Wall Mine (35,897 hours)

Ramaco Land Holdings, LLC, Big Creek Surface (34,605 hours)

Clintwood JOD, LLC, #57 Miner (33,478 hours)

Civil, LLC, CV # 1 Surface (30,620 hours)

Inmet Mining, LLC, Pigeon Creek (27,138 hours)

### **Large Underground**

#### **Paramont Contura, LLC, LLC, Deep Mine 41 (913,122 hours)**

### **Large Surface**

#### **Paramont Contura, LLC, 88 Strip (184,000 hours)**

Surface Mineral Co., Airport Surface (172,464 hours)

Dickenson Russell Contura, LLC, McClure Prep Plant (153,897 hours)

Clintwood JOD, LLC, Laurel Branch Surface (131,190 hours)

Paramont Contura, LLC, 88 Strip 3 Forks (95,000 hours)

Paramont Contura, LLC, 3 Forks HW (64,599 hours)

Paramont Contura, LLC, Long Branch Surface (64,599)

Humphreys Enterprises, Inc., #26 Strip (57,800 hours)

The coal industry was also recognized for environmental excellence in various categories. Winners were also recognized at the MCPA banquet.

**Best Reclaimed Highwall-** Ramaco Resources Land Holdings, LLC, Mudlick Highwall Permit

**Best Active Preparation Plant-** The Black Diamond Company, Wellmore #8 Preparation Plant

**Best Active Refuse Fill-** Ramaco Resources Land Holdings, LLC, Jamison Creek Impoundment

**Best Active Refuse Impoundment-** Paramont Contura, LLC., Toms Creek Impoundment

**Best Active Underground Mine-** Buchanan Minerals, LLC, Buchanan Mine #1

**Best Completed Underground Mine-** Paramont Contura, LLC, Toms Creek

**Best Active Surface Mine-** Red River Coal Company, Inc.

**Best Abandoned Mine Land Enhancement Project-** Savage Services Corporation, Clinchco Gob Removal

\*Pictures of winners will be provided upon request.