

PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION GAS AND OIL GEOLOGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES MINED LAND REPURPOSING MINERAL MINING MINES OFFSHORE WIND RENEWABLE ENERGY & ENERGY EFFICIENCY

## COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Virginia Department of Energy Washington Building / 8<sup>th</sup> Floor 1100 Bank Street Richmond, Virginia 23219-3638 (804) 692-3200 FAX (804) 692-3237 www.energy.virginia.gov

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE April 20, 2022 Tarah Kesterson (276) 356-3405 tarah.kesterson@energy.virginia.gov

## Virginia Energy Now Accepting Nominations from Natural Gas Companies for Annual Industry Awards

Awards Presented at Annual Virginia Oil and Gas Association Banquet in October

**Big Stone Gap, Va.** – The Virginia Department of Energy (Virginia Energy) is accepting nominations from companies for excellent work in the natural gas industry. Virginia Energy partners with the Virginia Oil and Gas Association (VOGA) each year to recognize outstanding achievements across the Commonwealth.

Companies can submit applications through July 30<sup>th</sup> for six award categories. They are Industry Innovation, Environmental Stewardship, Community Outreach, Energy Operator of the Year, Outstanding Service Provider of the Year and Individual Excellence.

"The achievements shown by this industry really showcase its commitment to operate responsibly and professionally," said Director of Gas and Oil and Mineral Mining Phil Skorupa. "We hope all natural gas companies will take this opportunity to receive recognition for their hard work extracting, moving and distributing natural gas to Virginians."

An awards banquet will be held at the Martha Washington Inn in Abingdon on October 13<sup>th</sup>. The nomination form and more information about each award category can be found on the Virginia Energy <u>website</u>.

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER** TDD (800) 828-1120 --- Virginia Relay Center