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Enervest Operating LLC Recognized as 2021 Energy Operator of the Year

*Leadership, Safety and Environmental Stewardship Also Awarded in 2021 Awards for
Excellence in Virginia's Gas and Oil Industry*

Abingdon, Va. – Enervest Operating LLC was recognized as **Energy Operator of the Year** for the 2021 Virginia Gas and Oil Industry awards. The Virginia Department of Energy (Virginia Energy) awarded five other outstanding achievements by members of the gas and oil industry.

“Virginia's natural gas industry takes great care in all their operations to protect their workers, protect the environment and have successful results,” said **Virginia Energy Director of Gas and Oil Phil Skorupa**. “The Virginia Department of Energy is honored to showcase some of the most outstanding achievements of our many operators across the Commonwealth.”

Enervest Operating LLC received the recognition for a variety of achievements. Enervest showed its commitment to safety with the achievement of its staff working over one million hours without any lost-time accidents. The Virginia employees also have over a 95% participation in the Safety Recognition Program, which requires attendance to monthly safety meetings, completion of computer base safety trainings, and timely reporting of any incident. Enervest has completed a successful workover program, has focused on emission reduction with the creation of their Environmental, Social and Governance committee and has continued to work with researchers to improve operations.

Awards were presented October 13, 2022 during the annual Virginia Oil and Gas Association (VOGA) meeting in Abingdon, Virginia at the historic Martha Washington Inn.

Other awards included:

Industry Innovation - CNX Resources and Diversified Energy

In 2021, CNX and Diversified invested resources and capital to interconnect Diversified Energy Company's existing production field in Southern West Virginia to CNX's Cardinal States Gathering II Pipeline. This project supplied a critical energy source to millions of people and provided numerous employment opportunities for the residents in Southwest Virginia, East Tennessee and in the greater southeastern United States.

Environmental Stewardship - Enervest Operating LLC

The creation of the Environmental, Social and Governance committee by Enervest has led to positive changes for the company. The committee helped to create goals to continue to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and for additional voluntary leak detection and repair inspections. While working to reduce emissions they also found a way to help Virginia's Department of Wildlife Resources see if the wild turkey and grouse population was growing. Thanks to employee volunteers looking for wildlife while on the lease roads and well locations, they recorded 164 wild turkey observations in 7,553 miles driven in what had been an underserved area in previous surveys.

Community Outreach - Columbia Gas of Virginia

Through the generosity and commitment of Columbia Gas of Virginia, two successful programs have been created to help the community: the Piedmont Got Your Six NiVets and the WarmWise Program. The NiVets is a group of 80 veterans within Columbia Gas dedicated to community service and veteran issues. NiVets host many events including the Supply Drive for Local Women's Shelters, Stuff the Bus Event and the National Wreaths Across America. In 2021 alone, their WarmWise Program helped customers save \$3.2 million in energy costs and 15,145 metric tons in greenhouse gas emissions.

Outstanding Service Provider of the Year - Noah Horn Well Drilling

Noah Horn Well Drilling has serviced natural gas operators for the past thirty years. The company shows great attention to safety at each rig operation and continues to show excellence when it comes to environmental protection surrounding each of their job sites. Off the clock, Noah Horn has become a consistent sponsor to events in their home location of Buchanan County. In May 2021, they sponsored “The Wall that Heals”, a Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial in Grundy. Noah Horn also took time to partner with Spearhead Trails on numerous events for ATV riders coming to Southwest Virginia.

Individual Excellence - Jon Bowerbank

Jon Bowerbank, Founder of EMATS, INC., has over 33 years of direct work experience within the energy business and has found himself across America and even the world taking opportunities to learn and bring his knowledge back to Virginia which led to improvements in the industry. His long career has had a direct impact on many people, companies and the operations in southwest Virginia. In 1998, he founded EMATS which provides the regional energy producers, transporters and distributors of natural gas numerous services including infrastructure building and technical support functions. He also employs 45 people that support the coalbed methane subset of the natural gas industry. The company has remained resilient through market downturns and has been a friend to the community.

Virginia Gas and Oil Industry Awards are presented annually by the Virginia Department of Energy. Learn more about the industry on the agency [website](#).