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Virginia Energy Seeks Input in Shaping \$80 Million Coal Mine Methane Capture & Utilization Program

Request for Information - Responses Due July 16, 2025

RICHMOND, VA — Virginia Energy, in partnership with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), has issued a Request for Information (RFI) to gather input from mine operators, technology providers, landowners, project developers, and other stakeholders to help shape the design of its new [Coal Mine Methane \(CMM\) Capture & Utilization Program](#).

Virginia Energy will award \$79.5 million in competitive grants to projects focused on methane detection, capture, and reuse. The remaining funds will support program oversight, inspections, field training, and methane detection equipment. The program prioritizes projects in Southwest Virginia, will run through January 2030, and is supported by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program.

This initiative is expected to deliver significant climate and community benefits by converting waste methane into clean energy and economic opportunities, revitalizing legacy mine lands, and creating jobs in historically coal-dependent areas. It will also improve air quality, support public health, and enhance energy reliability across the region.

The RFI marks the first step in engaging a broad coalition of innovators, landowners, and community stakeholders. Responses will help inform a forthcoming Request for Proposals (RFP) expected later this summer. Input is being sought on:

- Emerging technologies for methane detection, capture, and reuse
- Sites suitable for demonstration or deployment
- Infrastructure, permitting, or investment challenges
- Opportunities for multi-sector collaboration

The RFI is available through the [Virginia Business Opportunities website](#).

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