How You May Report Mine Safety Violations

The Virginia Mineral Mine Safety Act requires that the mine operator, or his agent, post a notice listing contact information for persons wishing to report violations of State mining laws.

Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals & Energy
Division of Mineral Mining (DMM)
900 Natural Resources Drive, Suite 400
Charlottesville, Virginia 22903
CALL (434) 951-6310
Office hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday-Thursday

Department personnel and home telephone numbers:
Phil Skorupa, Director ................................................................. (276) 393-5504
   (during non-office hours, call)................................................ (757) 897-8544
Paul Saunders, Safety and Permitting Manager............................. (804) 519-7440
   .............................................................................. (276) 639-9377

Eastern Region
James Schaefer (Lead Compliance Specialist) ............................ (804) 659-4311
Preston Bristow ........................................................................... (804) 724-0516
Sarah Hamm (Permitting Engineer)............................................. (804) 731-6835
Bruce Hutcheson ......................................................................... (540) 487-6220
Cale Moore .................................................................................. (804) 659-4310

Western Region
Willie Cochran (Lead Compliance Specialist) ............................ (540) 750-6637
Damien Fehrer ........................................................................... (434) 808-2104
Vernon Harris (during normal office hours M-Th, 8 am – 5 pm) ...... (434) 951-6308
Vernon Harris (all other times)..................................................... (540) 614-3972
Matt Kretsch .............................................................................. (540) 547-1198
Bentley Smith (Permitting Engineer)........................................... (434) 907-2197
Eric Snowadzky ......................................................................... (276) 870-6493

Section 45.2-1164. of Mineral Mine Safety Laws Of Virginia allow any person to file an anonymous complaint; all investigation reports shall be kept confidential. Complaints can be reported to any person listed above.

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