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## **Virginia Miners Recognized For Over 700-Thousand Hours of Work without a Lost Time Accident**

**Charlottesville, Va.** – Virginia is applauding an impeccable safety record at 389 mineral mines across the Commonwealth. That is how many mines celebrated zero lost time accidents in 2020. The Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME) and the Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance (VTCA) are awarding the eight mines that reported the most hours without injuries.

“Our workers are our highest priority and we are glad to see many of our companies echoing that mission,” **said DMME Director of Mineral Mining Phil Skorupa.** “Our training, enforcement, assistance and other efforts made alongside the VTCA builds a strong safety culture at these mines. We all want to see mine workers injury free and returning home to their families each day.”

DMME’s safety recognition program recognizes the top eight mines each year that work the highest number of hours in their category for the year. Those receiving the 2020 recognition worked a total of 743,496 hours without an accident.

### Quarries:

- Luck Stone Corporation – Bull Run Plant – Loudoun County - 81,805 hours
- Luck Stone Corporation – Leesburg Plant – Loudoun County - 74,163 hours
- Martin Marietta Materials, Inc.-- Doswell Quarry - Hanover County - 46,375 hours
- Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. – Red Hill Quarry – Albemarle County - 24,530 hours

### Open Pits:

- Nestle Purina Petcare - King William County- 465,174 hours
- Iluka Resources Inc. Virginia – Old Hickory Mine – Dinwiddie County - 28,107 hours
- Blair Sand & Materials, LLC – Blair Sand and Materials – Southampton County - 9,664 hours
- Bay Leasing and Management Co., Inc. - #1 – Isle of Wight County - 4,678 hours

In 2020, Virginia's 2,858 mineral mining employees worked 4,976,131 hours while producing 72,097,330 tons of sand, gravel and aggregates.

Individual miners are also recognized for perfect safety records. They receive these when they report 15, 20, 25, 30, and 35+ years without lost time accidents. In 2020, 63 miners received that honor—representing a total of 1,670 years in the mining industry. Since the beginning of the program in 2007, 460 miners received recognition.

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