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Virginia Mines Recognized for Exemplary Safety and Reclamation

Mineral Miners worked over four million hours without a lost time accident.

Charlottesville, Va. – Virginia’s mineral mining industry is receiving recognition for an exemplary safety record and for outstanding reclamation of mined land during 2021. Miners recorded over four million hours of work without lost time accidents. The Virginia Department of Energy (Virginia Energy) and the Virginia Transportation and Construction Alliance (VTCA) award mines and miners annually for outstanding work in both areas.

“Safety of our mine workers is the highest priority for Virginia Energy and the many companies operating in the Commonwealth,” said Virginia Energy Director of Mineral Mining Phil Skorupa “Several of our mine operators work hard to instill an exemplary safety culture at their sites and the reward of having our miners return home each and every day is invaluable.”

In 2021, Virginia’s mines employed 2,858 production employees and 6,876 contract employees. The 9,657 worked 6,161,491 hours while producing 73,137,753 tons of sand, gravel, aggregates and other industrial minerals contributing \$1.6 billion to Virginia’s economy. Also during 2021, 245 mineral mines in Virginia worked 4,642,538 hours without a lost time accident and had a zero accident frequency rate.

The top eight mines were awarded for their safety records.

Quarries:

- Appalachian Aggregates LLC. – Bluefield Quarry – 14 employees - 24,634 hours
- Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. – Doswell Quarry – 20 employees - 49,683 hours
- The Frazier Quarry – North Quarry – 45 employees - 71,817
- Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC. – Graham Quarry – 28 employees - 90,831

Open Pit:

- Shenandoah Asphalt, Inc. – Shenandoah Stone – two employees – 4,747 hours
- D. M. Conner, Inc. - #2 Mine – eight employees – 8,644 hours
- Luck Stone Corporation – Caroline Sand & Gravel - 12 employees – 24,359 hours
- USC Saltville Brine, LLC. – Saltville Salt Company – 49 employees – 98, 558 hours

Individual miners are also recognized for working without lost time accidents for a period of 15 years or more. In 2021, 21 individuals represent a cumulative total of 425 years without a lost time accident. The Individual Safety Recognition Program began in 2007. Since that date, 481 miners were awarded for 11,567 years of work without lost time accidents.

The Virginia Department of Energy also recognizes environmental excellence among the companies it serves. Winners are selected by the Orphaned Land Advisory Committee and these awards celebrate accomplishments in reclamation at Quarries and Non-Quarry sites.

The following seven mine sites were selected:

Overall Winner and Best Quarry:

Kyanite Mining Corporation- Willis Mountain Mining- Buckingham County

Best Non-Quarry:

Glover Materials Inc. - Rogers Quarter Pit- Greensville County

Honorable Mentions- Quarry:

Boxley Materials Company – Bedford/Botetourt County

Luck Stone Corporation – Greene Plant – Greene County

Honorable Mentions- Non-Quarry:

Bardon, Inc. – Fulks Pit - Spotsylvania County

Virginia Sand and Stone, LLC. – Trice Plant – King and Queen County

Glade Mountain - Killinger/Cripple Creek Mine – Smyth County

All awards will be presented at the VTCA annual conference held next week in Hot Springs. For more information on mineral mining in Virginia visit our [website](#).