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Virginia Energy Recognizes Coal Industry for Exemplary Safety and Reclamation Efforts in 2022

~Virginia Coal Miners Worked Nearly Two Million Hours without a Lost Time Accident in 2022 ~

Lebanon, Va. - Virginia's Coal Industry was recognized and celebrated for an exemplary safety record and excellence in reclamation by the Virginia Department of Energy (Virginia Energy) and the Metallurgical Coal Producers Association (MCPA).

Coal miners across the Commonwealth put in nearly two million work hours without any lost time accidents. There were no fatalities at coal mines in Virginia, either. Virginia Energy regulates safety at these sites.

"Behind those two million hours are the men and women that go to the mines each day and take the extra time and effort to make safety a priority," **said Virginia Energy Director of Coal Programs Randy Moore.** "Ensuring a safe work environment is the main reason this agency exists, and we are so proud to see the industry joining us in that most important goal. We congratulate everyone that worked a shift without an accident."

"The companies that make up the Metallurgical Coal Producers Association take great pride in their workers and in the impact they have on the communities where they are mining the coal used to make steel," **said MCPA Chairman Bob Cline.** "We are glad to stop and take a moment to celebrate the best in Virginia's coal industry."

Coal mines without lost time accidents this year were recognized at the MCPA banquet by category. Those with the most working hours in each category were deemed the winner of each category.

Small Surface

WV PLC Repair, Inc. SHM26 Mine, 15,762 hours, Tazewell County

Auger Coal, LLC, Hill Creek Auger Mine, 15,588 hours., Tazewell County
Clintwood JOD, LLC, #57 Miner, 12,180 hours, Buchanan County
PB Dirt Movers, Inc., Weller Yard Surface Mine, 13,090 hours, Buchanan County

Medium Underground

Capital Coal Corp., No. 11 Mine, 49,229 hours, Dickenson County

Banner Blue Coal Co., Paw Paw 2 South Mine, 43,184 hours, Buchanan County
Inmet Mining, LLC, D-6 North Fork Mine, 39,200 hours, Wise County
CBS Energy, Inc., Mine No. 2, 30,981 hours, Buchanan County

Medium Surface

Humphrey's Enterprises, #26 Strip, 49,213 hours, Wise County

Extra Energy, Inc., Virginia Point Surface Mine, 45,198 hours, Buchanan County
Paramont Contura, LLC, 88 Strip HWM, 41,922 hours, Dickenson, Russell and Buchanan Counties
Paramont Contura, LLC, Long Branch Highwall Miner, 37,439 hours, Dickenson County
Russell County Reclamation, LLC, Moss # 3 Mine, 26,000 hours, Russell County
Commonwealth Mining, LLC, HWM #73, 25,463 hours, Wise County

Large Underground

Paramont Contura, LLC, DM 41, 932,586 hours, Dickenson County

Large Surface

Surface Mineral Co., Airport Surface, 141,976 hours, Buchanan County

Appalachian Development, LLC, Mill Creek No. 1 Mine, 78,565 hours, Dickenson County
Paramont Contura, LLC, Long Branch Surface, 73,663 hours, Dickenson County
Paramont Contura, LLC, 88 Strip Three Forks Mine, 69,641 hours, Dickenson, Russell and Buchanan Counties
Paramont Contura, LLC, Three Forks Highwall Miner, 66,739 hours, Dickenson, Russell and Buchanan Counties
Ramaco Land Holding, LLC, Big Creek Surface Mine, 63,755 hours, Tazewell County
A & G Coal Corporation, Baden Strip #1 Mine, 56,513 hours, Dickenson County

The coal industry was also recognized for environmental excellence in various categories. Winners were also recognized at the MCPA banquet.

Best Abandoned Mine Land Dangerous Highwall Elimination- Paramont Contura, Deep Mine #26, Dickenson County

Best Abandoned Mine Land Enhancement Project- Buchanan Minerals LLC., Page Gob Pile Removal, Buchanan County

Best Reclaimed Abandoned Mine Land Highwall- True Energy Fuels, LLC, True Energy Fuels, Wise County

Best Completed Deep Mine- Paramont Contura, Deep Mine #25, Dickenson County

Best Active Underground Mine- Paramont Contura, Deep Mine 41, Dickenson County

Best Completed Surface Mine- Red River Coal Company, Hall Branch Mine, Wise County

Best Active Surface Mine- J.W. Construction, Hickory Gap Strip, Wise County

Best Reclaimed Highwall Miner Operation- Ramaco Resources Land Holdings, LLC, Mudlick Creek mine, Tazewell County

Best Combination Mining- Red River Coal Company, Black Creek Surface Mine, Wise County

Best Active Preparation Plant- The Black Diamond Company, Wellmore #8, Buchanan County

Best Impoundment- Ramaco Resources Land Holdings, LLC, Jamison Creek Impoundment, Tazewell County

Best Active Fill- Dickenson-Russell Contura, LLC, McClure Preparation Plant, Dickenson County

Best Reclaimed Vent Shaft – Buchanan Minerals LLC., Buchanan Mine #1, Buchanan County

*Pictures of winners will be provided upon request.