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Virginia Energy Recognizes Coal Industry for Exemplary Safety and Reclamation Efforts

Virginia Coal Miners Worked Over One Million Hours without a Lost Time Accident in 2023

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

Miners at 25 of Virginia’s coal mine operations put in over one million work hours without any lost time accidents. Virginia Energy regulates safety at these sites.

“Behind those one million hours are the men and women that go to the mines each day prioritize safety,” said Virginia Energy Director of Coal Programs Randy Moore. “Safety is our first and most important goal at Virginia Energy. We congratulate every miner that worked a shift without an accident.”

Coal mines recognized for their work without lost time accidents include:

COMPANY	SITE	HOURS
SMALL SURFACE		
Coking Coal, LLC	Pigeon Creek Preparation Plant	23,863
Civil, LLC	S-5 Aily Branch	22,540
Clintwood JOD, LLC	#9 Miner	21, 806
True Energy, LLC	True Energy Fuels Mine	20,224
A&G Coal Corporation	Strip#12	16,082
PB Dirt Movers Inc.	Weller Yard Surface	14,674
SMALL UNDERGROUND		
Stiltner Mining, Inc.	Mine No. 2	17,771
CBS Energy, inc.	Mine No. 2	13,921
Coking Coal, LLC	D-6 North Fork	13,783
Bluegrass Natural Resources, LLC	6C	12,926
MEDIUM SURFACE		
Auger Coal, LLC	Hill Creek Auger	49,909
Humphreys Enterprises, Inc.	#26 Strip	42,308
Ramaco Land Holdings, LLC	Tiller No. 1	42,139
Surface Minerals Company	Surface Mine No. 1	37,716
Russell County Reclamation, LLC	Moss #3	37,194
Paramont Contura, LLC	Three Forks Highwall	31,078
Paramont Contura, LLC	Long Bran HWM	30,887

MEDIUM UNDERGROUND		
Coking Coal, LLC	D-7 Osaka	39,589
LARGE SURFACE		
Dickenson-Russell Contura, LLC	McClure	161,876
Surface Minerals Company	Elk Creek Surface	117,456
Paramont Contura, LLC	88 Strip Three Forks	112,769
Extra Energy, Inc.	Virginia Point Surface	91,952
Ramaco Land Holdings, LLC	Big Creek Surface	83,960
Paramont Contura, LLC	Long Branch Surface	69,116
LARGE UNDERGROUND		
Patriot Mining, LLC	No.2	98,496

The coal industry was also recognized for excellent environmental stewardship in partnership with the MCPA.

“The companies that make up the Metallurgical Coal Producers Association take great pride in the impact they have on the communities where they are mining the coal used to make steel,” said MCPA Chairman J.P. Richardson. “As coal operators we invest the most in our workers’ safety and ensuring the environment is protected before, during, and after mining is completed.”

Best Active Underground Mine: Black Diamond Company, Paw Paw 2 South Mine, Buchanan County

Best Reclaimed Underground Mine: Paramont Contura LLC, Deep Mine #26, Dickenson County

Best Active Surface Mine: Ramaco Resources LLC, Big Creek Surface Mine, Tazewell County

Best Reclaimed Surface Mine: Red River Coal Company, Inc. Black Creek Surface Mine, Wise County

Best Active Preparation Plant: Dickenson-Russell Contura, McClure Preparation Plant, Dickenson County

Best AML Enhancement: Buchanan Minerals LLC, Page Gob Pile Removal, Buchanan County

Best Public Outreach: Wellmore Coal Company, Arbor Day, Buchanan County

Individual Excellence: Mike Thomas, Red River Coal Company, Inc.

**Pictures of winners will be provided upon request.*

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