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Virginia Mineral Mines Recognized for Exemplary Safety *Eight Companies Recognized for Working Without Any Injuries in 2023*

Charlottesville, Va. – Virginia’s mineral mining industry is receiving recognition for an exemplary safety record in 2023. Eight companies recorded nearly 398,655 production hours without injuries. The Virginia Department of Energy (Virginia Energy) and the Virginia Transportation and Construction Alliance (VTCA) award mines and miners annually for ensuring a safe work environment for the Commonwealth’s miners.

“There is no better evidence of an exemplary mining operation than each worker returning home to their family each day,” **said Virginia Energy Director of Mineral Mining Phil Skorupa.** “Safety is more than a practice, it’s a culture for this industry and I applaud the companies that instill this work ethic to show how much they value this very important workforce.”

In 2023, Virginia’s mineral mines employed 10,391 workers. They worked over six million total hours while producing 73,002,814 tons of sand, gravel, crushed stone, other construction aggregates and industrial minerals contributing over one billion dollars to Virginia’s economy.

The top eight mines were awarded for their safety records.

Quarries:

- Boxley Materials Company – Piney River Plant – 16 employees - 24,807 hours
- Luck Stone Corporation – Powhatan Plant. – 23 employees - 49,273 hours
- Cedar Mountain Stone Corporation – Rapidan Quarry – 27 employees – 67,469 hours

- O-N Minerals Company- Winchester Plant – 77 employees – 158,201 hours

Open Pit:

- Vico Construction Company– SPPIT- 21 employees – 4,975 hours
- D.M. Conner, Inc.- #2 Mine- seven employees- 9,805 hours
- Holcim-Mar, Inc. – Rappahannock Farm – 15 employees – 25,834 hours
- Bonney Bright Sand Company – #1 Mine -46 employees – 58,301 hours

A total of 86 individuals are also being recognized for exemplary safety throughout their mining careers. Those individuals represent 2,406 years without lost time accidents. The companies will be awarded at the VTCA's annual meeting on July 13 in Virginia Beach.