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## **CNX Resources Recognized as 2024 Operator of the Year**

*Leadership, Safety, and Environmental Stewardship Also Awarded for  
Excellence in Virginia's Gas and Oil Industry*

**RICHMOND, VA** — The Virginia Department of Energy (Virginia Energy) named CNX Resources Corporation the 2024 Operator of the Year and presented an additional five awards for outstanding achievements in the gas and oil industry at the annual Virginia Oil and Gas Association (VOGA) meeting in Charlottesville this week.

“Natural gas generates more than half of our state’s electricity and remains our primary source of dispatchable power. Its role in maintaining energy reliability cannot be overstated,” said Virginia Energy Director Glenn Davis. “The leadership and innovation provided by these awardees demonstrates how this industry can continue to evolve and thrive within Virginia’s changing energy landscape.”

CNX was recognized for its longstanding commitment to pioneering new processes that drive safety, efficiency, and environmental stewardship. This past year, CNX reduced carbon emissions by more than 5,600 metric tons through a single project, invested more than \$137,000 in community outreach, and completed major environmental upgrades including advanced leak detection systems, pipeline integrity inspections, and emissions-reduction initiatives.

Other awards included:

### **Local Distribution Company of the Year: Columbia Gas of Virginia**

From advanced leak detection to community service, Columbia Gas of Virginia proves that true leadership begins with safety, innovation, and heart. Supported by the NiSource Charitable Foundation, Columbia Gas contributed more than \$400,000 to nonprofits, launched the Joint Energy Youth Ambassador Program, and awarded grants to nearly 30 volunteer fire departments.

### **Outstanding Service Provider of the Year: Noah Horn Well Drilling**

In 2024, Noah Horn Well Drilling achieved what few can—a flawless year with no reportable safety or environmental incidents. Logging more than 1,500 hours in fishing operations, 7,800 hours in workovers, and drilling more than 56,000 feet, they maintained a perfect safety record.

### **Environmental Stewardship: EnerVest Operating, LLC**

EnerVest voluntarily launched a leak detection and repair program and inspected more than 3,500 well sites—more than 97% of their Virginia locations—and maintained leak rates well below national standards, with every issue resolved quickly and efficiently.

### **Community Outreach: CNX Resources Corporation**

Through the CNX Foundation, CNX Resources Corporation supported initiatives across Southwest Virginia including equipping 10 first responder agencies, clearing student lunch debt, packing back-to-school totes for teachers, building park trails, assisting children with special needs, and feeding more than 4,800 people through the Virginia Oil and Gas Association Christmas Meals Campaign.

### **Individual Excellence: Russell Perdue**

Russell began his journey in 1997 with Delrick Corporation, supporting the rapid expansion of CNX Virginia Operations. When the need arose for expert oversight of Underground Injection Control wells, Russell stepped forward by managing daily operations, training new operators, and ensuring environmental compliance. Russell's leadership helped establish CNX-operated facilities as models for safety and performance.

Virginia Gas and Oil Industry Awards are presented annually by the Virginia Department of Energy. Learn more about the Commonwealth's gas and oil operations on the agency website.

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