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Davis Energy, LLC Receives Award for Mine Reclamation from Department for Natural Resources *Annual Commissioner's award recognizes outstanding reclamation efforts*

FRANKFORT, KY (Aug. 30, 2011) – Carl E. Campbell, commissioner of the Department for Natural Resources, presented a 2011 Commissioner's Award of Excellence in Reclamation to Davis Energy, LLC for outstanding reclamation work on its surface facility (permit no. 858-0221) located in Johnson County near the community of Davisville.

In presenting the award to Dave Wright, Daryl Davis and Clyde Burchette, Commissioner Campbell expressed his appreciation for the company's outstanding reclamation work.

"The reclamation work performed by Davis Energy, LLC has been exemplary in several ways. Rich topsoil is not always abundant and care must be taken to preserve all topsoil during mining efforts. All topsoil was carefully removed, stored and seeded to prevent loss," Campbell added. "This site shows that with diligent work, organization and commitment, resources can be recovered and the land reclaimed for future generations to enjoy."

Davis Energy also faced the problem of an existing highwall left over from mining before the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. The innovative treatment of this site placed much of the spoil against the highwall and compacted it to prevent instability and erosion. The topsoil was then used to ensure survival of planted material. The reclamation resulted in land with gentle rolling hills and additional flat land with fewer steep slopes, which the land owner specified before mining began.

Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement inspector Jeremy Blackburn from the Prestonsburg Regional Office nominated this site because of the company's exceptional work and their commitment to the environment.

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