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Gatliff Coal Company Receives Award for Mine Reclamation from Department for Natural Resources

Annual award recognizes outstanding reclamation efforts

Frankfort, Ky. (Oct. 28, 2013) – The Department for Natural Resources presented a 2013 Award for Excellence in Reclamation to Gatliff Coal Company for its outstanding reclamation work on permit No. 861-0441. This operation is a 128-acre contour, area and auger operation located near the community of Bryants Store in Knox County.

The approved land use for this site is “fish and wildlife habitat”, which also includes an Indiana Bat Protection and Enhancement plan on portions of the area. The mine site has been successfully reclaimed and supports vegetation that will provide local wildlife with beneficial forage, fruit, seed and cover.

The site was nominated by Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement (DMRE) Middlesboro Regional Office inspection personnel and selected by the Department because of the company’s outstanding reclamation work and its commitment to a healthy environment. The DMRE inspection staff assigned to this site over the years includes Orlande Johnson, Lewis Higgins, Charles Hoskins and Scott Cox.

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