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### **Lexington Coal Co., LLC Receives Award for Mine Reclamation from Department for Natural Resources** *Annual Commissioner's award recognizes outstanding reclamation efforts*

**FRANKFORT, Ky.** (Sept. 15, 2011) – Carl E. Campbell, commissioner of the Department for Natural Resources, presented a 2011 Commissioner's Award of Excellence in Reclamation to Lexington Coal Co., LLC for outstanding reclamation work on its surface facility (permit no. 860-0415) located in Knott County near the community of Bearville.

In presenting the award, Commissioner Campbell expressed his sincere appreciation for the company's outstanding reclamation work. "As a result of Lexington Coal's reclamation efforts, this permit was featured in the November 2010 issue of 'Progressive Farmer,' illustrating how successful farming can be achieved on mined areas."

"When the permit was transferred to Lexington Coal Co., there were issues with a remaining highwall and hollowfills that were too steep with poor drainage and acidic soil that required extra lime to get vegetation to grow. Due to the company's diligence and commitment to reclamation, the site has been successfully reclaimed for fish and wildlife habitat in accordance with the landowner's wishes. In addition to the fish and wildlife post mining land use, there are open grassland/tree shrub areas that function as pasture land for cattle," Campbell added.

The Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement (DMRE) inspector Rebekah King from the London Regional Office nominated this site because of the company's exceptional work and their commitment to the environment.

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