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Twelve Mining Companies Receive Awards for ‘Safest Mines’ from Department for Natural Resources

Annual award recognizes outstanding safety efforts

Frankfort, Ky. (Oct. 29, 2013) – The Department for Natural Resources presented 12 Safest Mine Awards at the Kentucky Coal Association’s annual meeting in Lexington on Oct. 25, 2013. Each of the six Office of Mine Safety and Licensing (OMSL) Districts nominated an underground operation and a surface operation based on outstanding safety records throughout the year and beyond.

“Our mine safety analysts and inspectors have made mine safety a priority and the results are evident by these outcomes,” said OMSL Director Franklin Reed. “Mine safety begins with each individual miner, mine foreman and operator. We can continue these excellent results across all mines if everyone pays attention and practices mine safety.”

This year’s winners by district are shown below, along with number of employees, annual coal production and number of lost time accidents in 2012:

Barbourville District

- Underground: Bell County Coal Corporation, Garmeada No. 2 mine
64 miners produced 216,955 tons of coal with one lost time accident.
- Surface: ICG Hazard, LLC Hazard Division, Thunder Ridge-Job 0122
72 employees produced 551,557 tons of coal with no lost time accidents.

Harlan District

- Underground: Harlan Cumberland Coal Company LLC, K3 mine
23 miners produced 86,588 tons of coal with no lost time accidents.

- Surface: Fox Knob Coal Company Inc., Highwall Miner 64
10 employees produced 55,728 tons of coal with no lost time accidents.

Madisonville District

- Underground: Sebree Mining LLC, Onton No. 9 mine
311 employees produced an average of 13,200 tons daily with three lost time accidents.
- Surface: Western Kentucky Minerals Inc., Joe's Run mine
27 employees produced an average of 1,200 tons daily for 918 days without a lost time accident.

Martin District

- Underground: Eagle Coal Company Inc., mine No. 25
48 employees produced 210,985 tons of coal with two lost time accidents.
- Surface: Licking River Mining LLC, Craft Creek mine
42 employees produced 381,230 tons of coal with no lost time accidents.

Hazard District

- Underground: Enterprise Mining Company LLC, 9A mine
100 employees produced 755,947 tons with two lost time accidents.
- Surface: James River Coal Service Company, Buckeye mine
55 employees produced 249,977 tons of coal in 2012 and have had no lost time accidents since the operation began in January 2006.

Pikeville District

- Underground: Sidney Coal Company Inc. dba M3 Energy Mining Company, mine No. 1
46 employees produced an average of 1,500 tons of coal per production shift and have gone 382 days without a lost time accident.
- Surface: Premier Elkhorn Coal Company Mine, Job No. 42
40 employees produced an average of 3,600 tons daily with no lost time accidents.

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