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Virginia Energy and VTCA Recognize 2026 Mineral Mine Reclamation Awardees

RICHMOND, VA — The Virginia Department of Energy (Virginia Energy), in partnership with the [Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance \(VTCA\)](#), recognized outstanding achievements in mined land reclamation at the VTCA Annual Meeting June 20, 2026.

The annual mined land reclamation awards program honors mine operations that have performed exemplary or innovative reclamation of lands previously disturbed for mining, with nominations submitted by mine inspectors for quarry and non-quarry categories. The 2026 winners were reviewed and voted on by the Orphan Land Advisory Committee during its June meeting, where six nominations were considered for best quarry, best non-quarry, and best overall reclamation project.

“These awards recognize the operators who go beyond regulatory requirements to restore mined lands in ways that protect natural resources, support surrounding communities, and create productive post-mining land uses,” said Phil Skorupa, Director of Virginia Energy’s Division of Mineral Mining.

2026 Mineral Mine Reclamation Awards

Overall Winner and the Winner of the Non-Quarry Division:

- Amrize Mid-Atlantic Inc. – Charles City Plant

Winner of the Quarry Division

- Martin Marietta Materials Inc. – Amelia Quarry

Honorable mention in the non-quarry category:

- Michael A. Gregg – Number Two Mine
- Iluka Resources, Inc. – Brink Mine
- Nestle Purina Petcare – Nestle Purina Petcare Mine
- Boxley Materials Company – Otter River Number Two Mine



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The committee's overall winner will be submitted as Virginia's nomination for the 2027 **Interstate Mining Compact Commission** national reclamation award program.

Virginia Energy's **Mineral Mining** directorate provides for the safe and environmentally sound production of Virginia's non-fuel minerals. Mineral Mining issues mining permits and licenses for all commercial mineral mining operations in the Commonwealth.

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