

Arch Coal Receives Top Safety Honors in West Virginia

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*Honored with West Virginia's Excellence in Reforestation award
Earns 11 state safety and environmental accolades overall*

ST. LOUIS, February 24, 2017 – Arch Coal, Inc. (NYSE: ARCH) today announced that its West Virginia operations earned 11 prestigious safety and environmental awards, including the state's highest honor for underground mine safety and surface mine safety as announced at the Annual West Virginia Mining Symposium held on February 22-23.

This marks the second consecutive year that Arch subsidiaries were recognized with the top safety honor in both the surface and underground categories.

Sentinel mine was honored with the 2016 Eustace E. Frederick Milestones of Safety Award for achieving the best safety performance among underground coal mines in West Virginia.

Coal-Mac's Holden 22 mine earned the 2016 Bart B. Lay, Jr. Milestones of Safety Award for achieving the best safety performance among West Virginia surface coal mines in 2016.

Moreover, three other Arch subsidiary operations and facilities received West Virginia Mountaineer Guardian Awards for exemplary safety records achieved during 2016: Beckley's Pocahontas mine; Mingo Logan's Mountain Laurel Mountaineer II mine and the Leer preparation plant.

In addition to the state safety awards, three Arch subsidiaries received five environmental awards from the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection. Coal-Mac's Pine Creek surface mine, Mingo Logan's Mountain Laurel complex and Wolf Run Mining's Sentinel complex received accolades for outstanding coal refuse reclamation and construction techniques. Coal Mac's Phoenix No. 5 surface mine was honored for demonstrating exemplary performance in reclamation of a surface operation in the southern area. Coal-Mac's Loggy Branch surface mine received the National Wild Turkey Federation award for restoring former mine land for wildlife habitat.

Notably, Coal-Mac also received the 2016 West Virginia State Excellence in Reforestation Award from the Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative (ARRI). The award recognizes "exemplary performance using the Forestry Reclamation Approach (FRA)" at the Phoenix Surface Mine No. 1.

The Excellence in Reforestation Award was presented to Coal-Mac on behalf of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) and the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection.

"We're honored to receive statewide praise for our performance in safety and environmental care again this year," said Paul A. Lang, Arch's president and chief operating officer. "These awards highlight the good work our operations are doing to stay ahead of the curve, and we applaud our employees for their unrelenting hard work and deep commitment to our operating philosophies."

U.S.-based Arch Coal, Inc. is a top coal producer for the global steel and power generation industries. Arch operates a streamlined portfolio of large-scale, low-cost mining complexes that produce high-quality metallurgical coals in Appalachia and low-emitting thermal coals in the Powder River Basin and other strategic supply regions. For more information, visit www.archcoal.com.