

Indiana Society of Mining and Reclamation
32nd Annual Surface Mined Land Reclamation Technology Transfer
Seminar

2018 Call for Nominations:

Vance “Pat” Wiram Award For Innovation in Reclamation and Mining Technology

ISMR is seeking nominations for individuals who have made significant contributions to the development or implementation of new technologies or concepts in mining and reclamation. We urge you to nominate an individual you feel has gone the extra step in applying new and innovative ideas toward the enhancement of surface mining and reclamation.

Criteria and Eligibility: Individuals having a direct or indirect involvement in surface mining and/or reclamation who deserve recognition for innovative ideas applied to this broad area of interest are eligible. Recipients may be individuals in regulatory agencies, educators, environmentalists, journalists, politicians, mine operators, mining engineers, geologists, or administrative personnel. Nominees for this award must have been active in some area of mining and/or reclamation at the time of their nomination.

Nomination Procedures: All nominations should follow the prescribed format. Identify nominee—Include name, mailing address, and phone number. Identify nominator—Include name, mailing address, and phone number. Clearly identify and evaluate the contributions made by the nominee. List (1) Education--academia field, date, and institution for each degree held; (2) Career—dates, organizations, and locations of all professional positions beginning with current position and ending with the first position; (3) Professional Services—membership in professional societies, service on professional committees, and indicating leadership where appropriate; (4) Past Honors and Awards—any that are appropriate; (5) Justification--identify the primary contributions on which the nomination is based, emphasizing the innovative ideas of concepts for which the nominee is to be evaluated; (6) Supporting Documentation--three letters of support, as well as any other form of documentation. Letters should be solicited and addressed to the nominator.

Nominations Due: Deadline to receive nominations is **Monday, Nov. 5, 2018**.

Submissions: Two copies of the completed nomination and any supporting documentation should be sent to: ISMR Chairman, 14619 West State Road 48, Jasonville, IN 47438.

Nomination Format: Typed on 8 ½ x 11 paper, double-spaced.

Questions: Contact Colleen Baughman, ISMR Secretary at 812-665-2207 or cbaughman@dnr.IN.gov.

2018 Call For Nominations: Excellence in Mining & Reclamation Award

Nominations are being accepted once again for the Excellence in Mining and Reclamation Award (EMRA). This is the Division of Reclamation's highest award for outstanding achievement in the field of surface coal mining and reclamation. Former recipients of the Indiana EMRA have received national recognition as a result of participation in awards programs administered by the Office of Surface Mining and the Interstate Mining Compact Commission. We are proud of the mining and reclamation operations here in Indiana, and the EMRA program is one way for us to recognize your efforts and to reveal your successes to the rest of the state and the nation.

Who is Eligible for the EMRA? All surface and underground coal mining operations that have operated under an Indiana permit issued according to IC 14-34 are eligible to be considered for the EMRA. The operator's exemplary performance may be achieved during mining activity, reclamation, or throughout the entire process.

How to Nominate a Coal Mining Operation: Nominations may be submitted by coal companies, mine operators, inspectors, consultants, coal associations, public interest groups, or land owners. Nominations must be received by the Division of Reclamation on or before **Monday, Oct. 15, 2018**, and should be mailed or delivered in person to the following address: **Division of Reclamation, Attn: John Voigt, EMRA Selection Committee, 14619 W. State Road 48, Jasonville, IN 47438.**

What a Nomination Should Include: **Cover sheet containing:**

1. Company name.
 2. Name and location of the nominated mining operation (including driving directions).
 3. Permit number(s) of site being nominated.
 4. Name, address, phone number, and email address of person submitting nomination (and/or a company contact person).
 5. Names and titles of all individuals directly responsible for on-the-ground reclamation at the nominated site.
- A. Narrative:** A description of the specific reclamation or environmental control techniques that resulted in exemplary performance under the Surface Mining Law. The narrative should be comprehensive, but not exceed six single-spaced typewritten pages and should describe the mining operation and the specific activity nominated for the award using the following outline:
1. Brief history/background of the mining and reclamation.
 2. Description of the nominated activity or reclamation practice, including specific problems, solutions, and unusual circumstances.
 3. On-site effectiveness of the work. This should be documented and quantified with data.
 4. Transferability or value of the accomplishment(s) to other mining and reclamation operations.
 5. Long-term benefits to the landowner and local or regional community.
- B. Color photographs:** The photos should show both the specific activity and the surrounding reclamation. When examined with the narrative description, the photographs should provide a clear understanding of the exemplary accomplishments. Photographs should be 3 megapixel (MP) in size or larger and labeled to explain what the photo shows. "Before and after" photos are desirable, but not required. There is no limit to the number of photographs that may be submitted.
- C. Format:** All reclamation award nominations must be submitted in electronic format on a CD or DVD, accompanied by a single color printed version in a three-ring, loose-leaf binder.

Nominations submitted by persons not directly associated with the coal company may not necessarily contain all the above-requested information simply because it may not be available. For nominations of this type, the EMRA Selection Committee will contact the coal company for assistance in preparing the formal nomination packet.

How the EMRA will be Selected: All nominations will be screened by the EMRA Selection Committee, and an on-site visit will be made of each nominated site to assure the following:

1. Information contained in the nomination package accurately reflects current site conditions.
2. On-the-ground performance conforms to the permit.
3. Other mining and reclamation activities at the site do not detract from the award-winning activity.

Each nominee's compliance record will be examined to assure that there are no outstanding violations and to determine that there is no past record of poor cooperation in abating violations. The EMRA Selection Committee will conduct a technical evaluation of each nomination and assess a ranking for each nomination based upon the following criteria:

CRITERIA AND MAXIMUM POINTS	
Clarity and completeness of nomination package	5
Difficulty in achieving reclamation under existing conditions	20
On-site effectiveness	30
Transferability of the technique or practice	12
Increased public awareness of the Surface Mining Law	8
Long term benefits to the community	15
Exceeds the spirit and intent of the Surface Mining Law	10

When the EMRA Will be Awarded: The 2018 EMRA will be presented at the annual Indiana Society of Mining and Reclamation meeting to be held on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 3 & 4, 2018, at THE TROPICANA EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE CENTER, 421 NW RIVERSIDE DRIVE, EVANSVILLE, IN 47708. Awards will be presented during the luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 4.