Come join VDOT representatives, the consultant engineering community and municipal leaders for this year’s VTCA-VDOT Consultant Forum. We will be exploring diverse and innovative solutions to meet today’s challenges in delivering viable transportation systems to the Commonwealth.

This year, industry professionals will share their creativity in solving complex problems, to include rapid bus transit, UAV inspection and connected vehicles. You will also learn about current VDOT commitments and research programs to exemplify their vision to be on the cutting edge of technology. Have you ever struggled with how to attract, train and retain the next generation of workforce leaders? We’ll have ideas on that, too!

Be sure to secure reduced registration costs by September 14 and consider showing your firm’s support by choosing one of three sponsorship levels at www.vtca.org/event/2018-vtca-vdot-consultant-forum/.

VDOT Construction Inspector Certification Program

VDOT, in collaboration with the Virginia Community College System, provides the coursework and proficiency testing to train and certify qualified participants in the Construction Inspector Apprenticeship Program.

Recently, VTCA has become involved in better understanding member experiences in the program and is working directly with VDOT in finding ways to further improve it. We are pleased to have formed a Technical Working Group (TWG) with the Community College Workforce Alliance (CCWA). The TWG is comprised of VDOT and VTCA professionals who will collaborate regularly with CCWA to provide feedback to improve and enhance the program.

The VTCA-VDOT Consultant Forum will host a breakout session, where VTCA and VDOT will share information and ideas about the Construction Inspector Apprenticeship Program and improvements that are already underway. Come check it out!
VDOT Updating Rules For Prequalification

VDOT’s Prequalification Office has begun work in updating the prequalification policy to match current practices being used by the Department to prequalify contractors. In addition to updating definitions and references to the Code of Virginia and Road & Bridge Specifications some procedural changes have been introduced in the renewal cycle, extensions, Certificate of Qualification, Suspension & Revocation and Appeals Process.

Key changes include:

- The prequalification cycle has been changed from a two-year cycle to a three-year cycle effectively adding an additional year of “renewals” before having to reapply;
- Contractors will be required to submit their application within 60 days prior to the 1st day of their expiration month;
- Contractor requests for extensions will no longer be accepted, and;
- The Contractor’s notification of their Prequalification will be the posting on “The Department’s List of Prequalified Vendors” on the VDOT website.

VTCA’s Contractor Leadership Committee is currently engaged with VDOT regarding the new prequalification policy language and will keep the membership apprised of the language development. The Department’s goal is to present the new language to the Commonwealth Transportation Board for approval in early 2019. If you have any questions please contact VTCA’s Tom Witt.

VDOT Materials Division Announces Strategic Plan for VDOT Asphalt Mix Quality Specifications

VDOT’s Materials Division recently met with VTCA, the Virginia Asphalt Association and the Old Dominion Highway Contractors Association to discuss the Department’s intention to move the current asphalt mix quality specifications which are prescriptive in nature, to performance-based testing criteria. The Department has assured the industry of their role in the development of the details of the 3-5 year implementation plan and initial steps of the development and implementation strategy, which includes joint industry/VDOT oversight and technical groups, are being developed now.

VTCA will continue to work closely with the Materials Division in the development and implementation of the Department’s strategy shift. Updates will be shared as details evolve.

VDOT Releases Updated Draft IIM For Portable Temporary Rumble Strips

VDOT has released for industry comment IIM-TE-386.1 Portable Temporary Rumble Strips. Originally released on May 24 (Tech Log 5/24), the IIM was promptly withdrawn by VDOT following VTCA’s request for additional industry engagement. The new draft IIM is now available for industry review and comments. VTCA’s Contractor Leadership Committee (CLC) is reviewing the document and will engage VDOT as needed to ensure the requirements are clear and can be safely and effectively implemented. Please send your written comments or questions no later than September 7 to VTCA’s Tom Witt to be included in discussions with VDOT. Download IIM-TE-386.1.

VDOT Professional Services RFPs Now Online

The Virginia Department of Transportation’s Alternative Project Delivery Division posts RFPs for professional services contracts online at www.virginiadot.org/business/ rfps.asp. The Division also welcomes paperless EOI submittals through the new ProjectWise system. More information about ProjectWise can be found at www.virginiadot.org/ business/locdes/project_wise.asp.

Fall Schedule For ESCCC Classes

Roanoke, November 8, 2018
Roanoke Higher Education Center

Richmond, December 6, 2018
VTCA Office

Visit www.vtca.org to register online or download the registration form for each class.
PAC Nears Goal

In May, the VTCA Political Action Committee set a goal of raising $150,000 for the VTCA PAC, with 100 members participating, by September 1st. The goal is in sight. To date, 67 members have contributed $137,500.

If you have not done so, please consider making a contribution to the VTCA PAC.

Thanks to the following members for their support:

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I-81 Quarry Tours

Aggregate producers have jumped onboard with the VTCA initiative to pursue funding for critically needed improvements to Interstate 81, as announced in the August Blue Top. VDOT estimates that the continuing funding need for improvements is over $2.5 billion.

This fall, five aggregate producers along the I-81 corridor will host quarry tours. These events will encompass a wide range of guests, including legislators, local government officials, economic development professionals and business leaders. The objective is to convey the economic importance of the corridor, and highlight the desperate need for safety and capacity improvements. The events will include informative presentations, tours of the operations and luncheons. Several hundred influential guests are expected to attend.

The tours are set for September 25 at Carmeuse Lime in Clear Brook, September 26 at The Frazier Quarry in Harrisonburg, October 3 at Rockydale Quarries in Roanoke, October 4 at Salem Stone’s Holston River Quarry in Dublin, and October 29 at Blue Water Industries in Abingdon.

VTCA Expands Member Services With Video Library

Adding to the benefits exclusively available to VTCA members, you now have the ability to stream VTCA webinars and other information-packed videos on demand at no charge. Access is easy - all you need to do is log in to your member account on the VTCA website and navigate to the Resources > Video Library menu. The videos and their descriptions are available for playing on your computer and/or mobile device.

There is no limit to how many times you can view a video as long as you are an active VTCA member.

The library currently includes VTCA’s previously produced webinars and will be the home for all VTCA-produced webinar videos in the future. If you are an employee of a VTCA member company and you do not yet have an account, click here and Register for an Account.
DMME Reclamation Regulations For Mineral Mining Permit Review

The periodic review of the Reclamation Regulations for Mineral Mining Permit (Reclamation Permit) is underway. DMME has proposed some changes to the Reclamation Permit that VTCA’s Environmental Committee is reviewing with DMME. Most of the proposed changes will be relatively minor with minimal impact on operators. DMME is, however, proposing fee increases for licensing fees, new permit fees, permit renewal fees for disturbed acreage, and all certifications applications. According to DMME, fees associated with the Reclamation Permit have not increased since 2003. The Environmental Committee is currently working with DMME to determine what the new fee structure will look like.

The Environmental Committee will submit a recommendation to the Aggregate Producer Leadership Committee. The APLC will in turn submit to DMME an official Industry position on all the proposed changes and fee increases to the Reclamation Permit.

Upcoming Events For Producers

DMME Electrical Training Class


DMME – MSHA Law Seminar


Aggregates Clay Shoot – October 10th at Shenandale Gun Club, Swoope, VA Details soon!

VAST Conference (Virginia Association of Science Teachers)

November 15-17, Williamsburg, VA

VTCA Safety Seminars

December 4 - Roanoke, VA
December 5 - Fredericksburg, VA
Details to follow.

WOTUS Is Back

John Brooks, Program Manager with APEX Companies, a VTCA member firm, continues to stay abreast on WOTUS developments. Below John outlines a repeal of the WOTUS Rule Stay, which in short means that Virginia is now back to being subject to the 2015 WOTUS regulations. At this point we do not know what this means for aggregate producer in Virginia. John is still researching additional legal information on this issue. For additional information contact John at john.brooks@apexcos.com or your environmental consultant. John has generously offered to answer any questions (he can) from VTCA members.

In the recent case in U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina, the February 2018 repeal and replacement of the 2015 WOTUS Rule was repealed based on an apparent violation of the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) public comment process. The repeal was nationwide. The court did say that the judgement was not for or against the proper standing of the 2015 WOTUS Rule. So, what does this mean?

• Mainly, more lawsuits. You will recall the 2015 WOTUS was stayed by the 10th District Court, which no longer found the case valid when the rule was repealed.


• EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are reviewing the order as the agencies work to determine next steps. To this point nothing has been provided.

Aggregate Scholarship Presentations

During August, VTCA presented the Aggregate Scholarship winners with Scholarship Certificates. The three scholarship recipients were selected as the most qualified applicants by a panel of industry representatives. To be considered for the Aggregate Scholarship, candidates must be enrolled in a Virginia college or university and majoring in a curriculum that is related to the aggregate industry. The recipients are honored at a VTCA member plant near their hometown. Additionally, the host producer designates a company associate to remain in contact with the scholarship winner throughout the school year.

Congratulations to the 2018 Aggregate Scholarship winners!

VTCA And DMME Continue To Present Individual Safety Awards

On August 21 VTCA and DMME presented Virginia Vermiculite employees with Individual Safety Awards. Dwayne Mick and Linwood “Bucky” Perkins, III have both worked 15 years without a lost time accident. That’s a total of 30 years without a lost time accident! Virginia Vermiculite hosted a burrito bar luncheon for all their associates to celebrate the accomplishment by these two safety-minded team members!

On August 28 DMME presented Aggregate Industries employees with Individual Safety Awards. Darryl “Tony” Gutridge, David Morgan and Stacy Shanklin have all achieved 30 years of service without a lost time accident and Donnie Bostic has worked 25 years without a lost time accident. That is an impressive 115 total years without a lost time accident! Aggregate Industries held breakfast and lunch celebrations to present the awards.
Construction Inspector Certification Courses At CCWA

The Community College Workforce Alliance (CCWA) in partnership with the Virginia Department of Transportation has announced the fall series of courses for those in the Highway Construction Inspector Apprenticeship Program. Eligible Virginia residents enjoy discounted class fees through the FastForward/Workforce Credential Grant.

Fall Inspector courses include:

- VDOT Roadway and Drainage
  December 17-20 (CCWA – Henrico)
- VDOT Structures and Bridges
  December 10-14 (CCWA – Henrico)
- VDOT Site Manager
  November 19-20 (CCWA – Midlothian)
- VDOT Surveying
  November 29-30 (CCWA – Midlothian)
- VDOT Documentation/Record Keeping
  November 26-28 (CCWA – Henrico)
- VDOT Plan Reading
  December 5-7 (CCWA – Henrico)

Courses for both the Construction Inspector program and the Materials Certifications Schools are at ccwatraining.org/vdot. Custom dates for on-site courses may be available. For more information, contact John McGarry at 804-523-2284 or at emcgarry@ccwa.vccs.edu.

For questions specific to the Highway Construction Inspector apprenticeship program, you may contact VDOT’s Jameo Pollock, M.Ed., Statewide Technical Training Manager, at jameo.pollock@vdot.virginia.gov.

E. Dillon & Co. Celebrates 150 Years In Grand Fashion

In 1868, following the Civil War, Col. Edward Dillon had a vision of establishing a high-quality limestone mining operation along the banks of the James River near Buchanan, Virginia. His vision was to furnish this material to markets to the East. The quarry utilized manpower, mule teams and steam power to extract, process and transport the materials to markets.

Fast forward 150 years to 2018 – Today, E. Dillon & Co. continues to produce high quality limestone products used in many markets in the eastern half of the United States. Although the location has changed to Swords Creek in southwestern Virginia, and the processing has transformed to modern, state of the art equipment, the values instilled by Col. E. Dillon have not.

“But the strength of the company and the quality of its products do not come from its facilities – they come from E. Dillon’s team of employees.”

E. Dillon & Co.’s commitment of appreciation to their customers, employees, community, vendors, neighbors, and other affiliates was on full display in early August at their 150 Year Anniversary Celebration. E. Dillon threw a party on a grand scale!

Swords Creek, Virginia is a beautiful tiny community tucked deep in the Appalachian Mountains of Russell County, far from any major town or road. Testament to what E. Dillon and Co. means to everyone they touch was demonstrated by the number of friends that came to celebrate with them. The attendance topped 800 guests!

The party included guest speakers, several live bands, tours of the operations, fun activities for kids (of all ages), a heavy equipment simulator, drone demonstrations and a spectacular bar-b-que feast. Congratulations on 150 years of success!
Members News

_Dewberry_ has announced that David Mahoney, PE, has been promoted to Alternative Project Delivery Operating Unit Manager. An Executive Vice President who has been with the firm for more than 30 years, Mahoney has extensive experience directing large-scale transportation engineering projects, including major design-build initiatives. In his new role, he will oversee the firm’s vertical, horizontal, and water/wastewater design-build services nationally, including public-sector facilities as well as major bridge, highway, and transit projects.

Mahoney has been responsible for the successful delivery of more than $6 billion in highway and rail projects, including the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Silver Line Phase II, the Route 28 improvements project built using Virginia’s Public-Private Transportation Act, and the Dulles Greenway in Northern Virginia.

A licensed professional engineer in several states, Mahoney earned a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from South Dakota State University.

_Welcome To Our New Members_

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_Rinker Design Associates, P.C. (RDA)_ is pleased to announce the addition of Rick J. DeLong, PE as Director of Transportation, Southern Region. In this role, Rick will be responsible for the pursuit and execution of design throughout Central, Southeastern and Southwestern Virginia, as well as expansion into North Carolina. Rick has more than 25 years of experience in the design and management of transportation systems and brings a wide variety of expertise ranging from intersection and bike/pedestrian improvements to large interstate widenings. RDA is extremely excited about the opportunities that Rick brings as part of its management team. Please feel free to reach out to Rick and congratulate him on his move, rdelong@rdacivil.com or 804-248-8032 (mobile).

Thank You Spivey Rentals For 25 Years Of Membership!

In June of 1993, _Spivey Rentals_ signed on to support the work of the Virginia Road and Transportation Builders Association. Twenty-five years later, the company remains committed to promoting the growth and improvement of Virginia’s transportation construction program. Thank you Spivey Rentals for your role in making our work successful.
“Innovation Summit”
Governor’s Transportation Conference Kicks Off October 30

The Virginia Governor’s Transportation Conference will held October 30-November 2 at the Hilton Norfolk The Main.


Health Care Corner

The Federal Special Open Enrollment Period (FSOE) for small businesses begins November 15 and runs through December 15 for January 1, 2019 effective dates. During this special enrollment period employers do not have to meet the standard small group underwriting regulations such as employee minimum participation or employer minimum premium contribution requirements.

Please contact me to learn more about FSOE or with any employee benefits questions.

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Hilliard Outing

The Hilliard Charity Fellowship Outing is celebrating its 25th year! Began in the spring of 1994, this fellowship of golfers has raised over $430,000 to support more than 250 charitable causes, and awarded/supported in excess of 50 scholarships within our construction community.

The 2018 Fall Tourney is set for Friday, October 5 in Front Royal. Two courses will host golfers - Bowling Green Country Club North and South. All the details are here: http://bit.ly/HilliardFall18.

We look forward to seeing YOU there!

PCAV Offers Free Training Day

The Precast Concrete Association of Virginia is offering its 2018 Training Day in Roanoke on October 30. Subject matter experts will share their knowledge and expertise through sessions including:

- Proper Pipe Installation
- Resilient Infrastructure
- Technical Poster Session on Best Practices
- Post Installation Inspection
- Low Impact Stormwater Solutions


VTCA Office Closed

The VTCA office will be closed October 8 in observance of Columbus Day.

All Virginia state government offices will also be closed.