The Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy

We enhance the development and conservation of energy and mineral resources in a safe and environmentally sound manner to support a more productive economy.

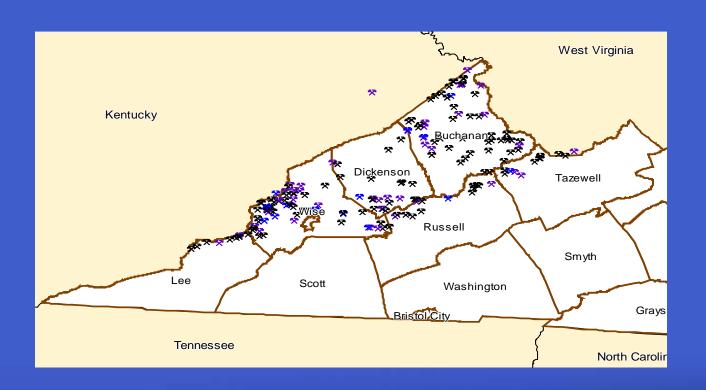


Goals of the DMME Strategic Plan

- Provide for safe and environmentally sound mineral resource extraction
- •Encourage economic development through our customers' wise management of Virginia's energy, mineral, land, and water resources



Virginia coalfields encompasses seven counties in far Southwest Virginia





DMME Divisions

- Division of Mines*
- Division of Mined Land Reclamation*
- Division of Gas & Oil*
- Division of Mineral Mining*
- Division of Energy
- Division of Mineral Resources
- Division of Administration



^{*} denotes Enforcement Division



DM Emergency Response Teams

- Two experienced and trained teams.
 - Big Stone Gap Area Wise County
 - Keen Mountain Area Buchanan County
- Two trailers equipped with rescue equipment.

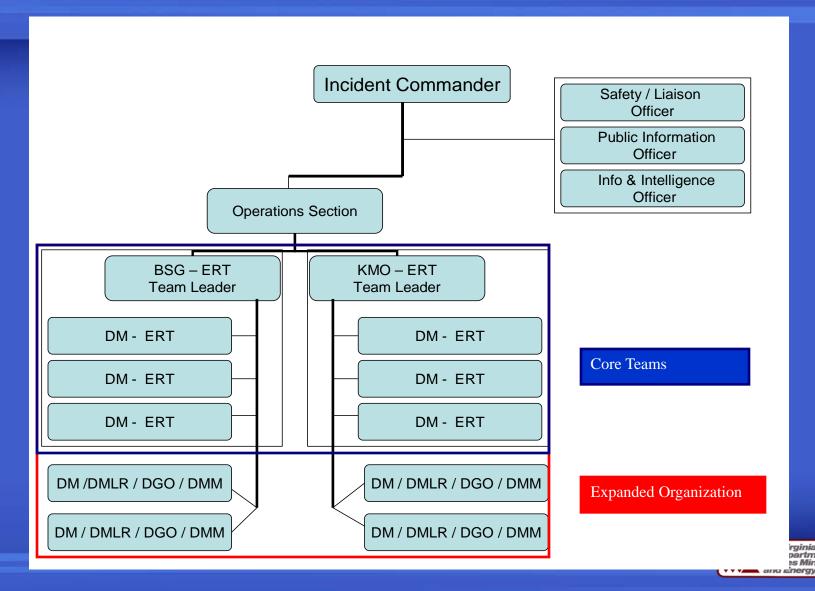




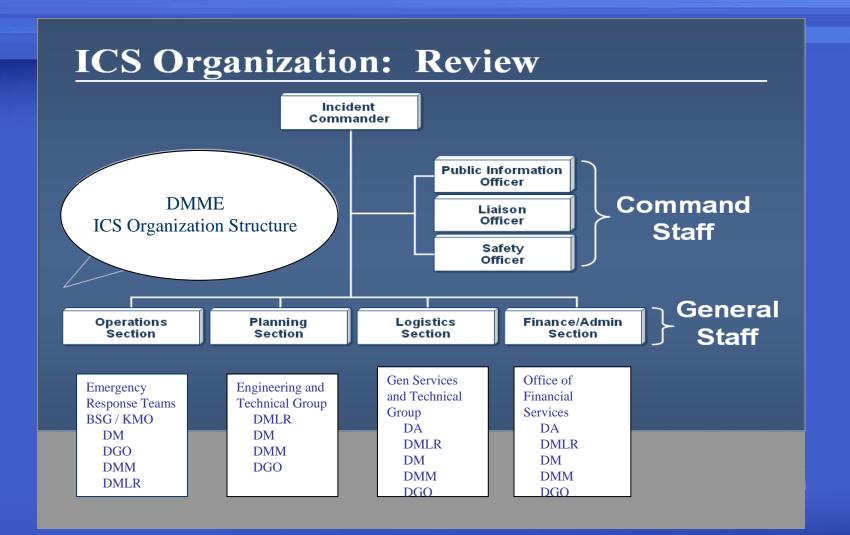


National Incident Management System (NIMS)

Emergency Response Team Structure



State Agency Requirements

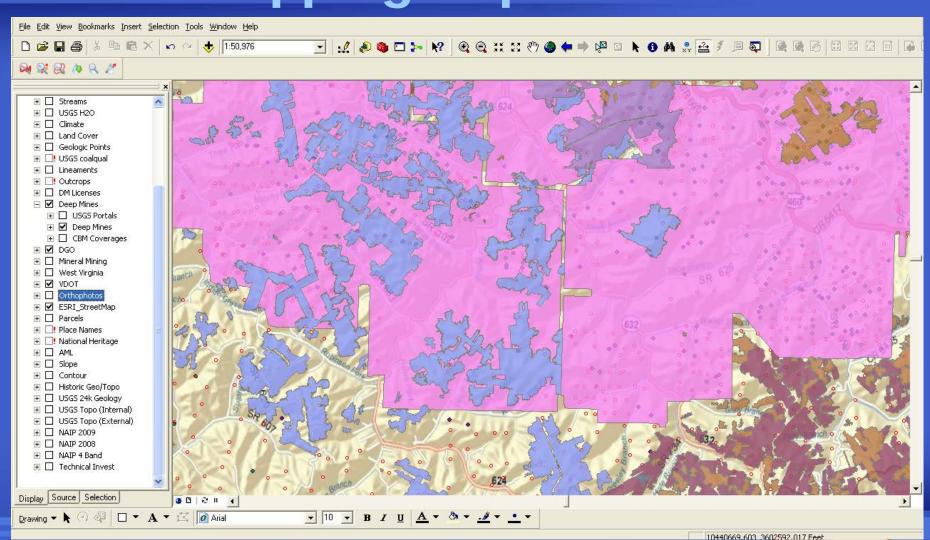








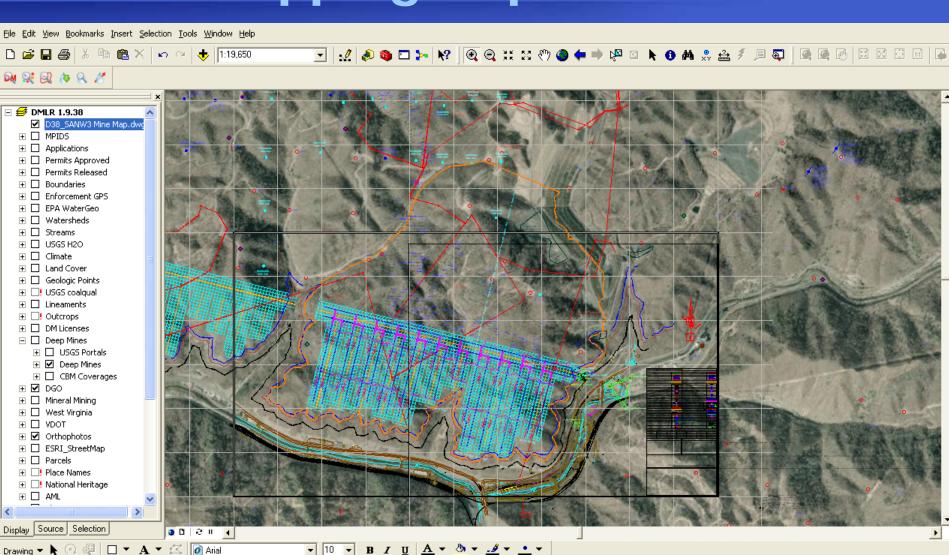
Mapping Capabilities





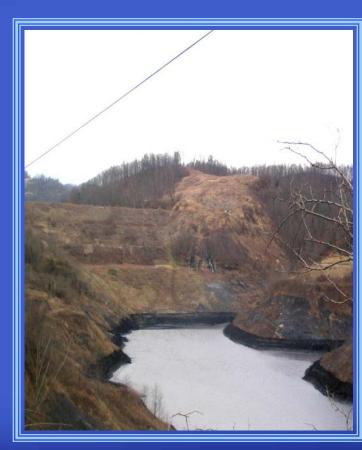


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Safety At Mine Impoundments

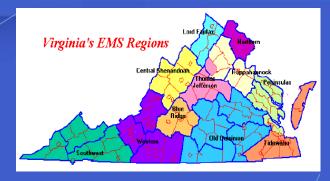
- **Emergency Notification and Evacuation Plan**
- **!** Inspections
 - Once every 7 days
 - More often with hazardous conditions



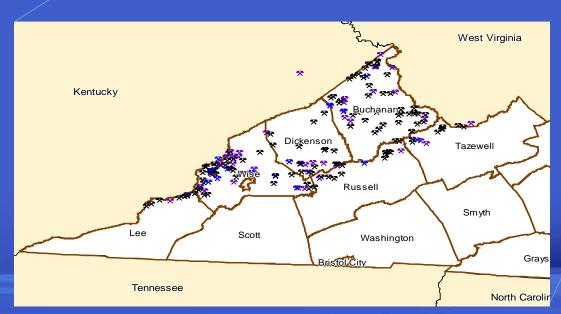




Areas of Emergency Response



Virginia's coalfields are within Region 4 of Emergency Management Operations.







VDEM

- State's Emergency Management Agency
- Virginia Emergency Operations Center
- Partner with Other State Agencies
- Direct Support to Localities

Legal Authority

Robert T. Stafford Act – Federal

• Title 44, Code of Virginia - State



VDEM

- Coordinates the state's preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation efforts.
- Director of VDEM is the State Coordinator of EM.
- The Governor is the State Director of EM.



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VDEM: Working to Protect People, Property and Our Communities

- Assist and support localities before, during and after an event.
- Specialized communications abilities
- Eyes and ears of the state
- Training and exercises
- Plan development
- Coordinating State Response regionally
- Networking



The VEOC

- Emergency Support Functions
- The "VERT"
- Secure facility in Richmond
- Coordination center for all state efforts.



The VEOC





ESF Work Areas





Joint Information Center





Main Floor





VEOC Communications Center



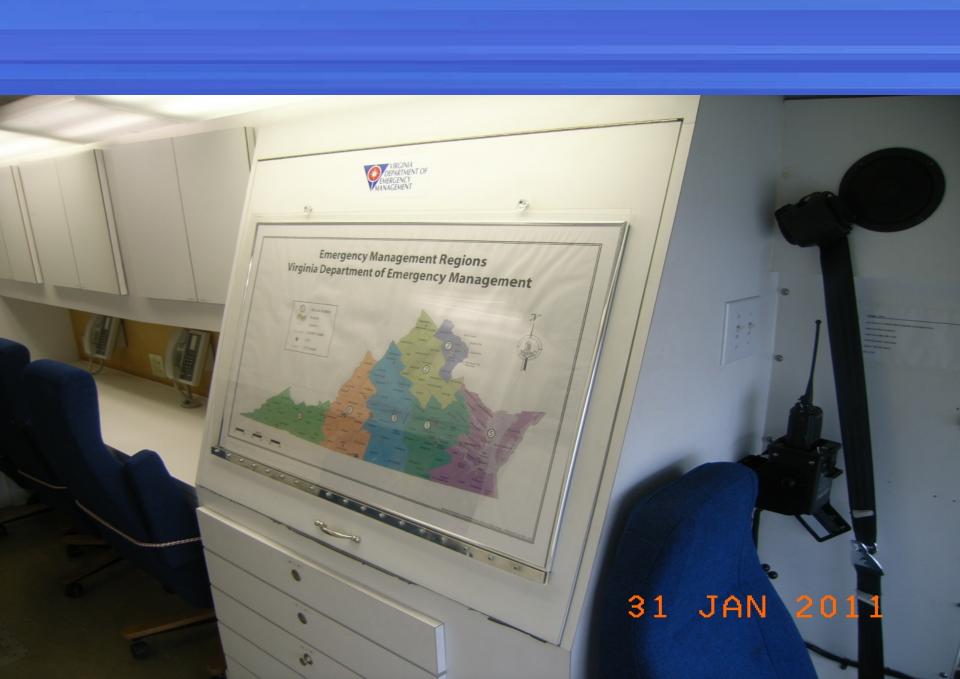


REGION 4 & 6 MOBILE COMMAND POST



5 WORKSTATIONS & 1 COMPUTER STATION





1 of 2 COMMUNICATIONS AREAS









CONFERENCE ROOM





REGION 4 & 6 Mobile Command Post

- Space for Command and Control Activities (5 work stations & 1 Computer Station)
- 2 Interoperability Gateway Devices (ICRI)
- 19 Portable Radios
- Satellite Phone
- Sirs and Stars Radios
- Generator



VDEM MOBILE COMMAND POST



VDEM Mobile Command Post

- Control Activities (16 work stations)
- Interoperability Gateway Device
- Satellite Voice and Data
- Video Conferencing
- Mast mounted camera and scene lighting
- GIS
- Generator



VDEM Mobile Command Post



Dec. 3, 2008

New mobile command post

The Commonwealth has a new mobile command post available to support local emergency response efforts upon request through the Virginia Emergency Operations Center. The MCP can communicate using VHF low- and high-band, UHF, 800 MHz, amateur radios and the Statewide Agencies Radio System. These systems are interoperable with each other and with local systems, so that they can provide a communications network when local networks are overwhelmed. The MCP is 50 feet long, 13 feet high and weighs more than 50,000 pounds. Both sides expand to increase the width to 14 feet, providing more than 600 square feet of usable space and 16 work stations to support command and control operations. The MCP can provide satellite, audio and video communications and operate for several days before it needs to refuel. It also provides wireless Internet, Voice over IP and analog telephone access, as well as a video feed from the area surrounding the unit. Two 12.5 kW generators provide power for up to 12 laptop stations, digital broadcast and satellite television receivers, and communications equipment.

VDEM TECHNICAL SUPPORT UNIT (TSU)



(TSU) erous Public Safety Radios in all bands (VHF, UHF, 700/800 MHz, Marine, Aircraft, STARS, Nextel Direct Connect)

- Satellite Voice and Data Communications
- Act as a Wi-Fi hotspot or interface into a LAN
- Full Amateur Radio Suite
- Streaming video
- Generator



VDEM

QUESTIONS

Thank You

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