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Patrick Webb, Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation Director
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection –
Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation
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Dear Director Webb,

I am delighted to inform you that the Alvan (Great Trough Creek) project has been selected to receive the 2025 Appalachian States Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Award from the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE). Your project exemplifies excellence in reclamation, highlighting the elimination of the health, safety, and environmental issues that often affect communities near abandoned mine lands.

OSMRE will announce the AML Reclamation Award winners during the week of October 5, 2025. Our AML Reclamation Awards Program Lead, Wayne Campbell, (wcampbell@osmre.gov) is ready to coordinate additional announcements about the award with your state's communications team. We request that you embargo any announcement until these communications are coordinated.

The AML Reclamation Awards will be presented on October 6, 2025, during the National Association of Abandoned Mine Land Programs (NAAML P) Conference, in Gulf Shores, Alabama. Please review the enclosed specifications sheet for submitting additional photos and videos which will be incorporated into the awards presentation.

OSMRE's Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Award not only recognizes outstanding reclamation efforts but also honors the dedicated individuals behind these successful projects. Congratulations to you and your team on earning this prestigious distinction.

Sincerely,

Thomas D. Shope
OSMRE Regional Director,
exercising the delegated authority of the
Director