



**pennsylvania**  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



Active and Abandoned Mine Operations

# **Conyngham Mine Coal Bank Fire**

Public Meeting June 6, 2024

Hosted by Senator Schlegel Culver  
and Representative Leadbeter

*Permit Holder: Mid Valley Coal Sales, Inc.*

*Surface Mining Permit No. 19000201*

Josh Shapiro, Governor

Jessica Shirley, Acting Secretary

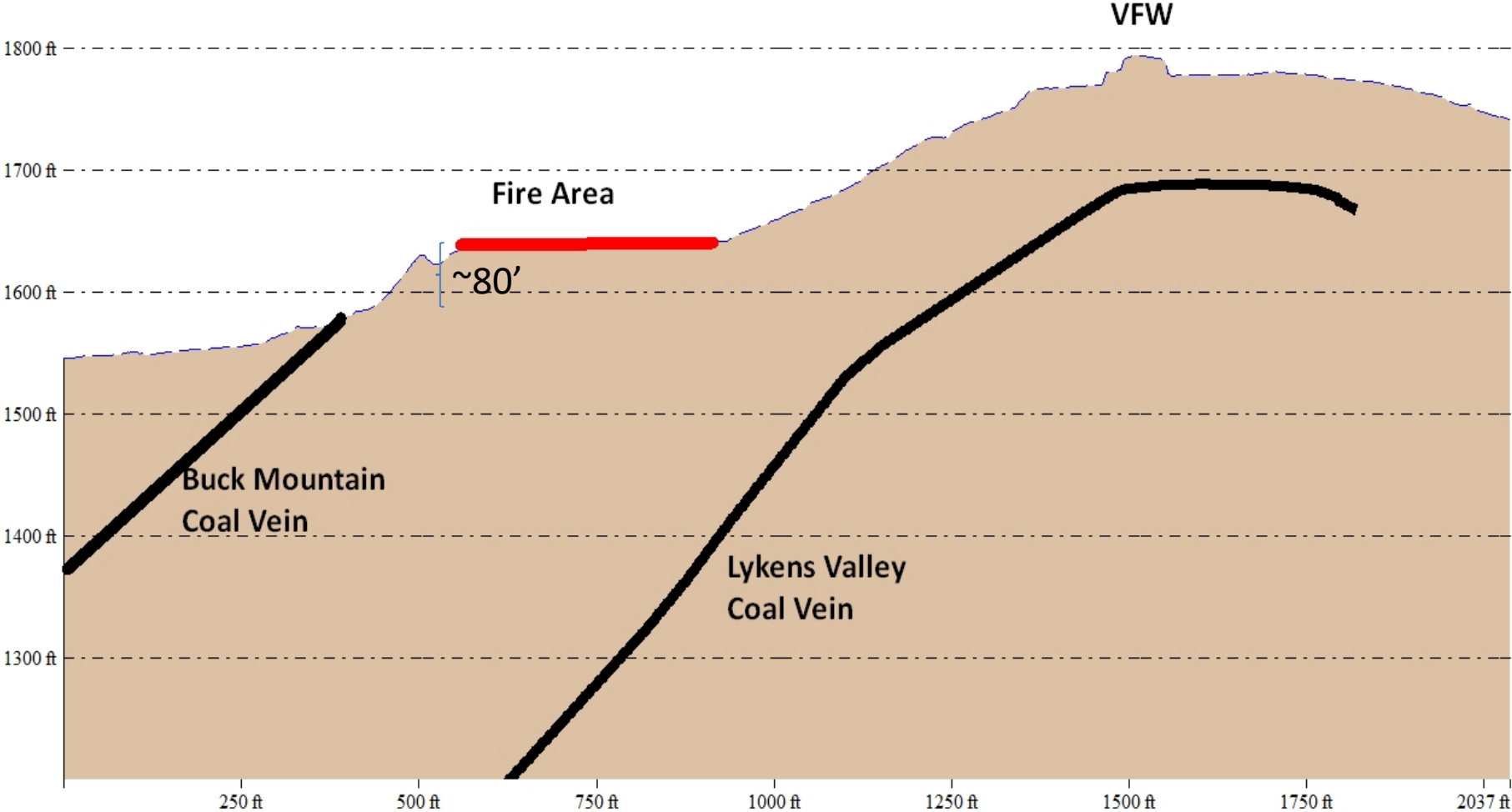
# Agenda for the Evening

1. Brief presentation by DEP (please hold questions)
2. Open discussion and Q&A (DEP staff listens to public concerns; interactive conversation)

# Status of Fire

- The fire is contained
- The material on fire is coal waste bank material stored on top of the ground
- The fire is not in veins of coal beneath the ground
- The fire is not close to veins of coal, as you will see in the next slide

# Cross Section View of Bank Fire Area





Approximate area burning

Burning material placement area

Approx. 750 feet to Wilburton Number 2

Original fire area

well

CO monitoring area

Air Photo of Fire Area Looking South



2/7/2024

Air Photo of Fire Area Looking South



5/13/2024

Photo of Fire Area Looking West



12/22/2023



Photo of Fire Area Looking West



5/21/2024

Photo of Fire Area Looking East



12/22/2023

Photo of Fire Area Looking East



# Carbon Monoxide Readings

- DEP is working to understand the difference between DEP's and residents' readings
- Factors to evaluate: weather, time of day, locations of the readings, etc.

# Who should I call?

- If you are concerned for your health or safety immediately, call 911
- If you have non-emergency concerns, please call the District Mining Office at (570) 621-3118



pennsylvania

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



Active and Abandoned Mine Operations

Please contact Michael Kutney,  
District Mining Manager at  
[mkutney@pa.gov](mailto:mkutney@pa.gov) with questions