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MEMORANDUM

TO: Marilyn B. Tavenner
Secretary of Health and Human Resources

FROM: George P. Willis, Director
Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy

DATE: September 20, 2006

RE: HB 110 Reporting Requirements

The Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy serves a large and varied group of people, organizations, and state agencies throughout the Commonwealth. Through its six divisions (Division of Mines, Division of Mined Land Reclamation, Division of Energy, Division of Gas and Oil, Division of Mineral Mining, and the Division of Mineral Resources), DMME regulates the mineral industry, provides mineral research, and offers advice on wise use of energy and mineral resources. Its programs directly serve the citizens who live near mining operations, mining labor groups, and other regulatory agencies, the educational community, the mineral industry, environment, consumer, and industry special interest groups.

DMME fulfills its mission by pursuing three major goals:

- Providing for safe and environmentally sound mineral and fossil fuel extraction.
- Encouraging economic development through our customers' wise management of Virginia's energy, mineral, land, and water resources.
- Providing for the effective performance of DMME personnel.

In reply to your request for information about the numbers of senior citizens it serves, DMME does not provide any direct services designed to serve seniors 65 and older. However, we are indirectly providing services to our employees who are 65 and older; currently, we have three. We are addressing the impact our aging agency population will have in providing services to our customers in our 2006 Strategic Plan.

If we may provide additional information, please do not hesitate to contact DMME Human Resource Manager Colleen Bass at (804) 692-3215.