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The Honorable Joe Manchin III
Office of the Governor
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
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**RE: Enforcement of West Virginia's Logging Sediment
Control Act (LSCA)**

Dear Governor Manchin:

Attached is the Division of Forestry's Logging Sediment Control Act Annual Report for 2007. Since the inception of the Act in 1992, responsible logging and clean water have been a major focus of Division of Forestry operations. This report reflects the dedication, professionalism, and hard work by Division foresters to carry out the mandates of the law.

Thank you for your interest in this program and your continued support of the Division of Forestry.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles R. Dye".

Charles R. Dye
Director/State Forester

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Attachment

cc: The Honorable Earl Ray Tomblin
The Honorable Richard Thompson
Kelley Goes – Commerce Secretary
Jon Amores – Deputy Secretary of Commerce

2007 Logging Sediment Control Act Annual Report West Virginia Division of Forestry

The listed accomplishments reflect the Division of Forestry's effort to operate more efficient and effective in carrying out the mandates of the Logging Sediment Control Act and also meet the goals and actions listed in the WV Forest Resources Strategic Plan.

Licensing

- 1,219 operators were licensed by the WV Division of Forestry (WVD OF) to perform timbering operations, buy standing timber or buy logs for resale.
- 1,629 professional loggers were issued certified logger certificates to supervise logging operations and assure that Best Management Practices were applied, chain-saw safety was stressed, and first aid/CPR was available in case an accident.

Training

- 70 workshops were conducted to train new loggers, update the training of loggers already in the business, and instruct professional foresters about forest practice standards and the Logging Sediment Control Act (LSCA).
- 1,325 individuals were trained by the WVD OF in application of Best Management Practices for logging.
- The Best Management Practices training modules continue to be updated and revised. To provide the best information possible to loggers, the Occupational Safety and Health Agency (OSHA), WVU Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation Program (FACE) and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) participate in the sessions.

Logging Operations/Inspections

- 2813 logging start notifications were filed by timber operators.
- 7945 site inspections were performed by WVD OF field personnel of which 394 were registered complaints from the general public.

Logging Enforcement

- 287 corrective actions were taken immediately on logging deficiencies, without the issuance of a formal Order.
- 589 Compliance Orders, 222 Suspension Orders and 37 citations were issued to individuals/companies holding certified logger and timbering licenses.

Logger of Excellence

- 172 Loggers qualified for this program in it's pilot year. The program is designed to recognize and reward professional loggers who have gone above and beyond the requirements of the law for each calendar year.

Historically 1992-2007

- 51,509 logging notifications filed with the WVD OF.
- 52,749 logging inspections performed.
- 24,567 loggers trained in effective BMP use, chain-saw safety and first aid.