

Addressing Member Concerns

Proposals regarding surface owners'
protection & compensation

West Virginia Farm Bureau



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Deeds should reflect mineral ownership.



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Surface owners should be notified in advance of any mineral extraction

- Notification at least fifteen days in advance of any entry onto land
- Absentee landowner should receive notification by certified mail
- Resident landowner should receive actual notice



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Comment period for DEP forms WW-2A and WW-2B notices should be increased from fifteen to thirty calendar days.



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Landowners should have the right to redeem mineral interests under their property if the mineral interest owner does not do so.



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Timber cleared from extraction site and access roads to site should be appraised by certified appraiser

- Landowner should be compensated by mineral extractor for two times the value of the timber
- Cleared timber should remain the property of the landowner



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Secondary roads leading to the extraction site should be inspected by WVDOH prior to and following the extraction for any damages

- Extracting entity should be liable for the proper share of repairs if damage is found



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Extraction sites should have on-site water treatment and reuse of water

- Decreases road wear/damage
- Improved safety
- Reduction of emissions
- Improved environmental footprint



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Improved sediment control to protect streams

- Critical for small streams to prevent flooding from accumulated sediment



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Extracting entity should be responsible to the landowner for the activities of any contractor employed to perform work at the extraction site, and for any damages caused by the contractor.



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Educational outreach programs on oil & gas issues conducted by WVU Extension Services should be continued

- Educated landowners will help compensate for shortage of inspectors



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Properly trained, competent landmen are crucial to the process.



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Adequate funding stream must be maintained to hire and train inspectors.



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Vacant positions on the Oil & Gas
Inspectors' Examining Board must be filled
in a timely manner.

