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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 28, 2011  
TO: Joint Committee on Government and Finance  
FROM: C. Randy Dye   
Director/State Forester  
SUBJECT: Annual Logging Sediment Control Act

Attached is the annual report which assesses the impact of the 2011 Logging Sediment Control Act on West Virginia as required by West Virginia Code §19-1B-13.

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Attachment

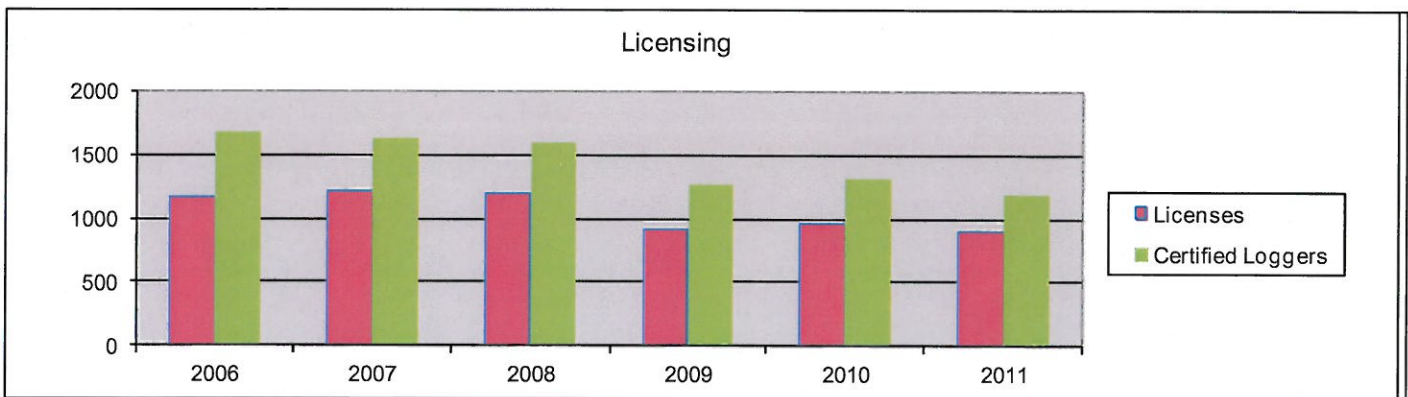
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## 2011 Logging Sediment Control Act Annual Report West Virginia Division of Forestry

The following accomplishments reflect the Division of Forestry's effort to operate more efficiently in carrying out the mandates of the Logging Sediment Control Act, the WV Flood Protection Plan and also meet the goals and actions listed in the West Virginia Forest Resources and Strategies Plan as well as the FMRC Strategic Plan. Activities of special interest for the year include the introduction of changes to the LSCA to help reduce costs for both the loggers and the DOF and close a few loop holes in the code. This legislation was successful in 2011 and was passed and adopted under Senate Bill 458. Legislative Rules are now pending approval for the 2012 Legislative Session. Lastly, a major undertaking is underway with help from the EPA and WVDEP to improve our logging database to one with an integrated GIS component that will help track the exact location of our timbering operations throughout the state. The potential benefits of this are numerous and essential if we are to comply with new federal requirements such as TMDL reporting.

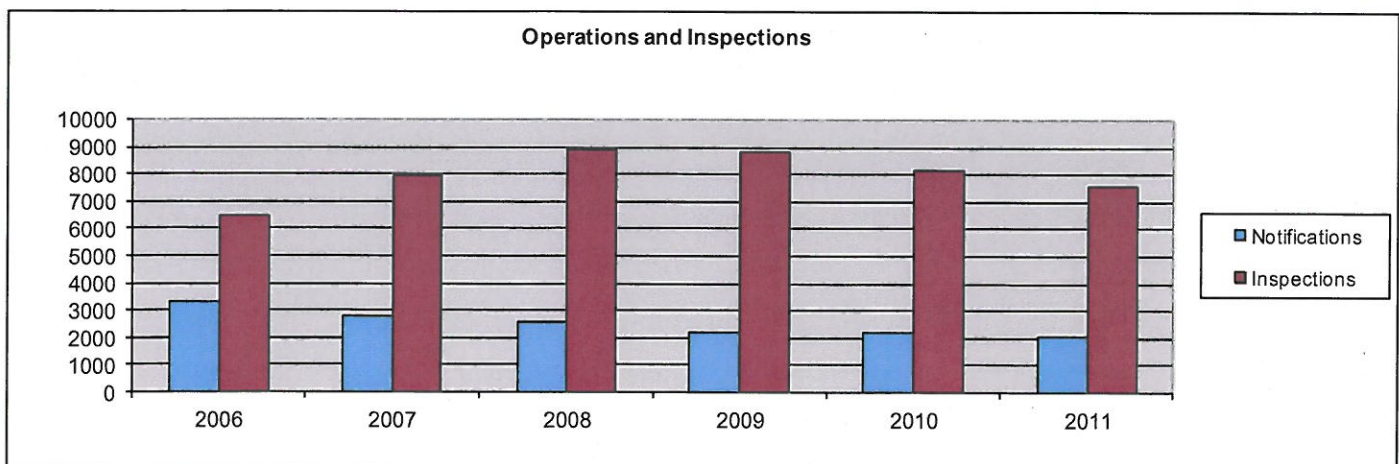
### Licensing

- 898 operators were licensed by the WV Division of Forestry (WVDOF) to perform timbering operations, buy standing timber or buy logs for resale.
- 1,188 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 of an accident.



### Logging Operations/Inspections

- 2,085 logging start notifications were filed by timber operators.
- 7,584 site inspections were performed by the WVDOF.
- 205 Complaints were received by the WVDOF, of which 104 were found to be valid.

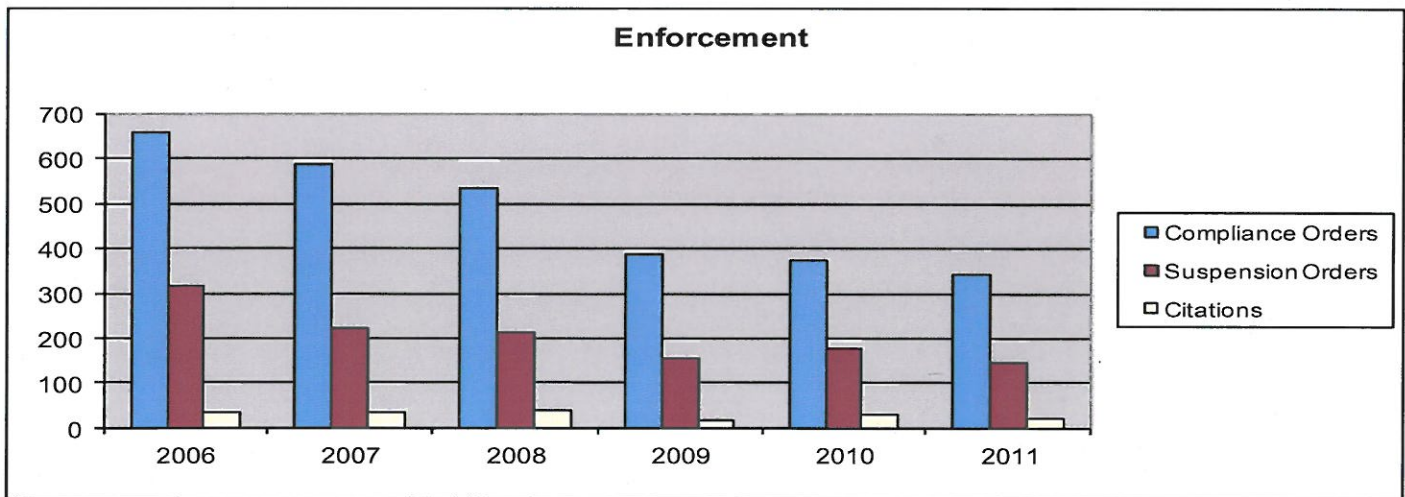


## Training

- 52 workshops were held and 1065 individuals were trained or retrained in Best Management Practices and the LSCA.
- The Best Management Practices training modules continue to be updated and revised.
- Current Training modules include:
  - Best Management Practices Instruction
  - Road and Operations Planning
    - Topographic Map Reading
    - Impacts of Soil Types
    - Positive and negative control points to use or avoid
  - Safety
    - Chainsaw and Tree Felling
    - Equipment
    - OSHA Requirements
    - Fatality Assessment by WVU (This program has been terminated)
  - Quarantine Information from the Dept. of Ag. for Exotic Pests
  - Sustainable Forestry Initiative
    - Sustainable Forestry
    - Endangered Species
    - Forestry Aesthetics

## Logging Enforcement

•342 Compliance Orders, 148 Suspension Orders and 23 citations were issued to individuals/companies holding certified logger and timbering licenses.



## Logger of Excellence

•112 Loggers qualified for Logger of Excellence in 2011. Of those 28 were 4 year consecutive repeats Loggers of Excellence. Special plans are underway to honor our 5 consecutive year Loggers of Excellence in 2012.