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The Honorable Earl Ray Tomblin  
Governor  
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1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East  
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**RE: Enforcement of West Virginia's Logging Sediment Control Act (LSCA)**

Dear Governor Tomblin:

As required by WV State Code §19-1B-13, the Division of Forestry's Logging Sediment Control Act Annual Report for 2012 is attached. 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 cursive script, appearing to read "Charles R. Dye".

Charles R. Dye  
Director/State Forester

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Attachment

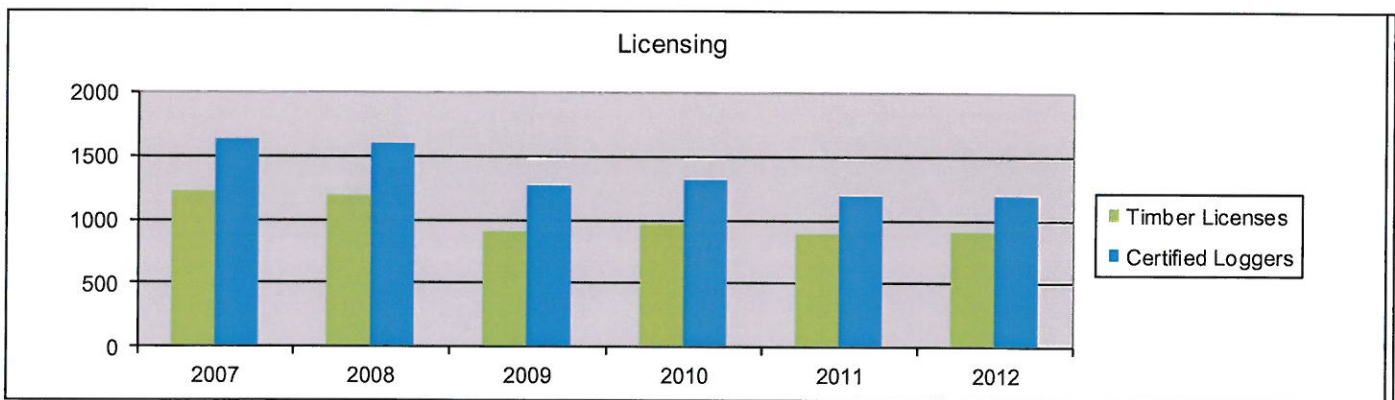
cc: President of the Senate  
Speaker of the House  
Keith Burdette  
Angel Moore  
Randy Huffman

## 2012 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. Updated Legislative Rules were approved during the 2012 session and are now enacted. 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 new database is scheduled to be tested this fall and be in place by January 2013. The potential benefits of this are numerous and essential if we are to comply with new federal requirements such as TMDL reporting.

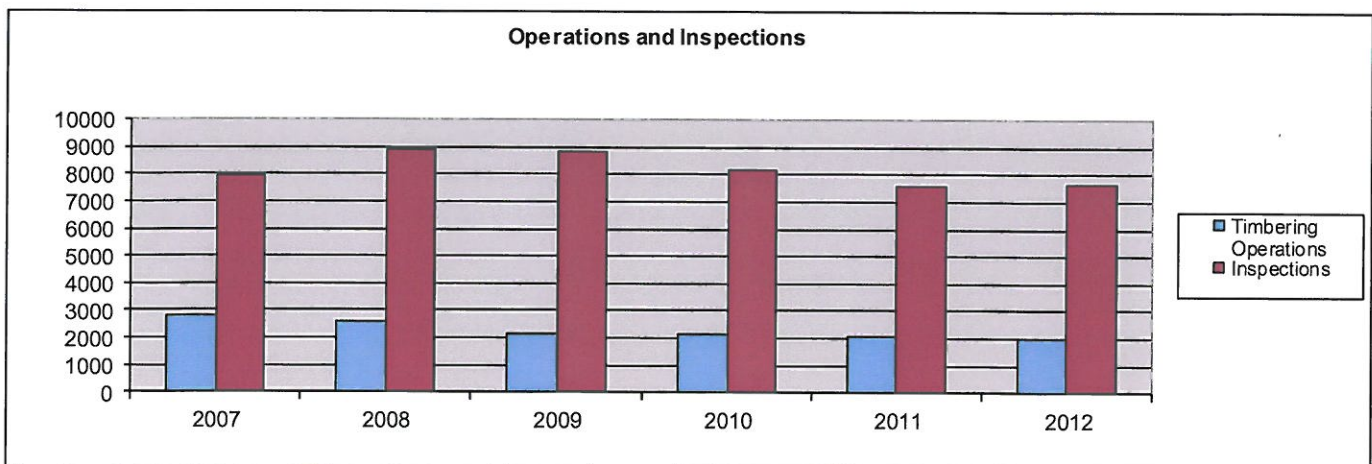
### Licensing

- 901 operators were licensed by the WV Division of Forestry (WVDOF) to perform timbering operations, buy standing timber or buy logs for resale.
- 1,184 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

- 2,009 logging start notifications were filed by timber operators.
- 7,630 site inspections were performed by the WVDOF.
- 211 Complaints were received by the WVDOF, of which 114 were found to be valid.



## Training

•54 workshops were held and 619 individuals were trained or retrained in Best Management Practices and the LSCA. *The individuals trained number is significantly lower than previous years due to the law change switching to biennial requirements.*

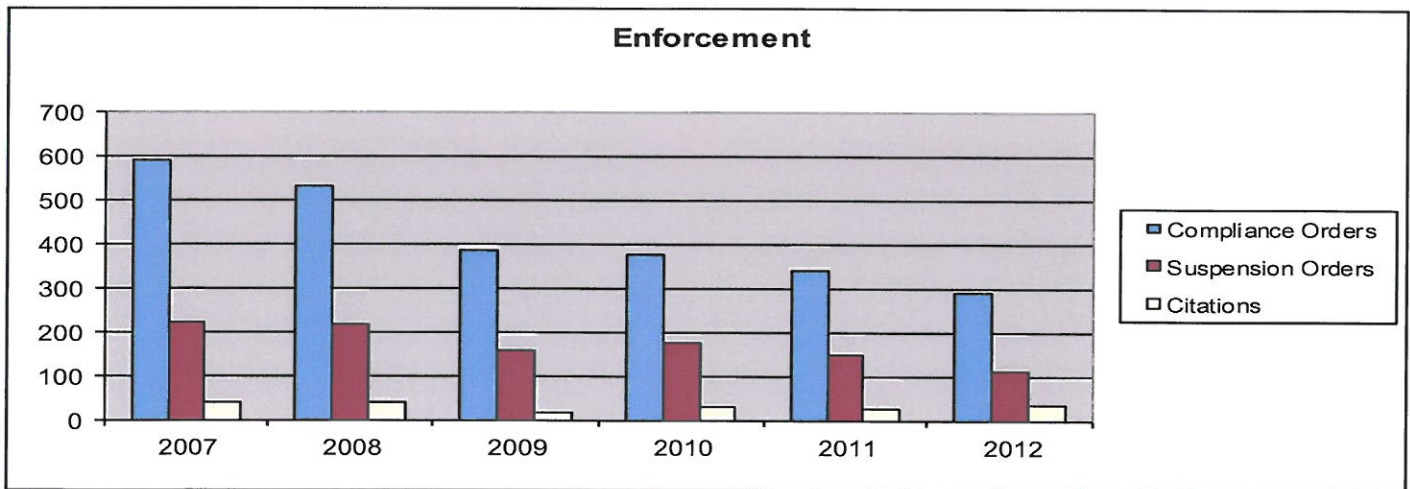
•The Best Management Practices training modules continue to be updated and revised.

•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

•288 Compliance Orders, 110 Suspension Orders and 32 citations were issued to individuals/companies holding certified logger and timbering licenses.



## Logger of Excellence

•121 Loggers qualified for Logger of Excellence for calendar year 2011. Of those 21 were 5 year consecutive repeats Loggers of Excellence. They were honored in February by a Senate resolution which recognized their hard work and contribution to the state.