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The Honorable Joe Manchin
Governor
Office of the Governor
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

***RE: Enforcement of West Virginia's Logging Sediment
Control Act (LSCA)***

Dear Governor Manchin:

As required by WV State Code §19-1B-13, the Division of Forestry's Logging Sediment Control Act Annual Report for 2009 is attached. Since the inception of the Act in 1992, responsible logging and clean water have been a major focus of the Division of Forestry. 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,

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Charles R. Dye
Director/State Forester

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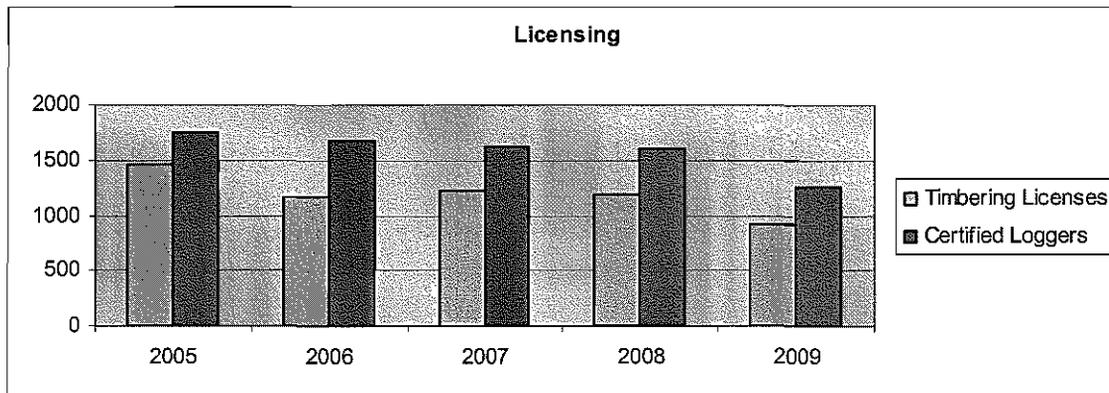
cc: The Honorable Ear Ray Tomblin
The Honorable Richard Thompson
Kelley Goes – Commerce Secretary
Jon Amores – Deputy Secretary of Commerce
Dick Waybright
Randy Huffman – Secretary of Environmental Protection

2009 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 2001 WV Forest Resources Strategic Plan. Specific accomplishments include a reorganization of the WVDOF that focuses 31 employees specifically on the LSCA, the establishment of Toll Free Numbers for LSCA notifications, and the acquisition of a Forest Hydrologist by WVU.

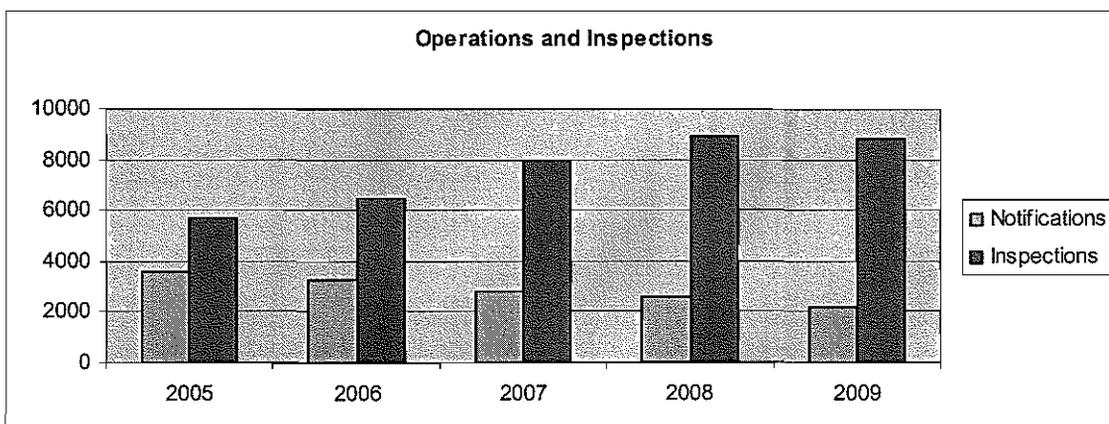
Licensing

- 913 operators were licensed by the WV Division of Forestry (WVDOF) to perform timbering operations, buy standing timber or buy logs for resale.
- 1,269 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

- 2,186 logging start notifications were filed by timber operators.
- 8,825 site inspections were performed by the WVDOF.
- 256 Complaints were received by the WVDOF, of which 140 were found to be valid.

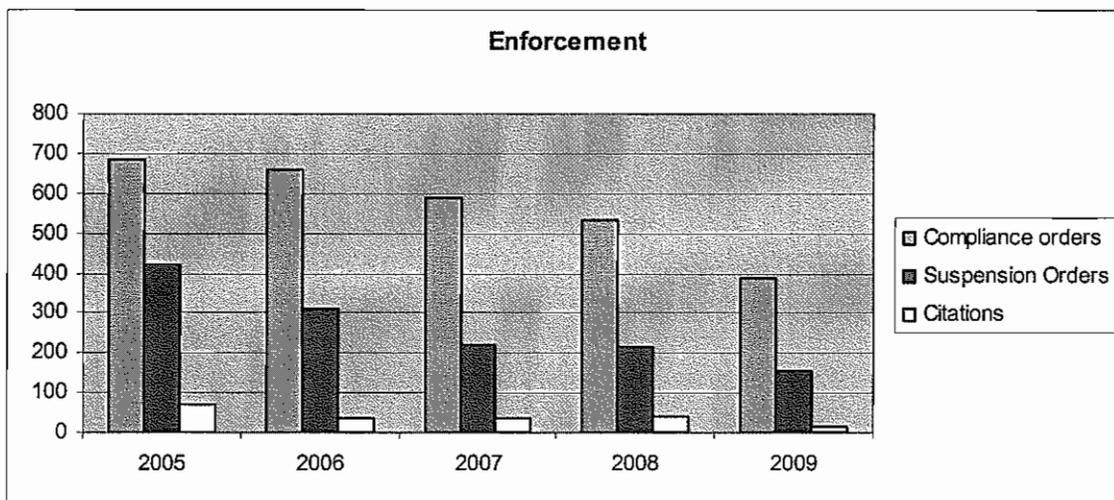


Training

- 59 workshops were held and 806 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

- 293 corrective actions were taken, as recommended by the WVDOP, without the issuance of a formal Order.
- 387 Compliance Orders, 156 Suspension Orders and 16 citations were issued to individuals/companies holding certified logger and timbering licenses.



Logger of Excellence Program

- * This program recognizes and rewards those professional loggers that have been without violations for the entire year.
- * At this time, the Loggers of Excellence list for 2009 is not available. However, there were 74 Loggers who were repeat Loggers of Excellence in 2007 and 2008.