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The Honorable Earl Ray Tomblin
Governor
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 2010 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,

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C. Randy Dye
Director/State Forester

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Attachment

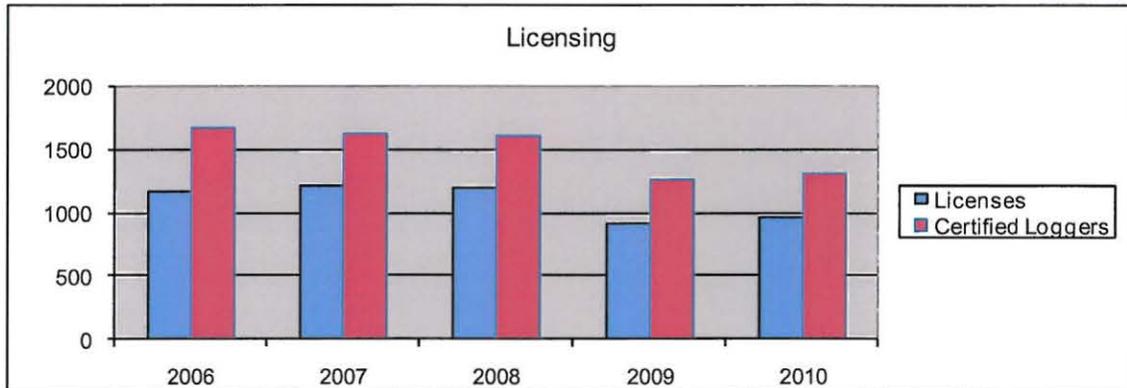
cc: President of the Senate
Speaker of the House
Keith Burdette
Angel Moore
Randy Huffman

2010 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. Activities of special interest for the year include the introduction of changes to the LSCA to help reduce costs and close a few loop holes in the code. This proposed legislation was not successful in 2010. Plans are under way to reintroduce the changes, with some modifications for the 2011 session. 2011 also is a BMP review committee year, so plans are being made to bring the committee together to discuss any necessary changes. Lastly, a major undertaking has been initiated with help from the EPA and WVDEP to improve our logging database to one with an integrated GIS component to help with tracking 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.

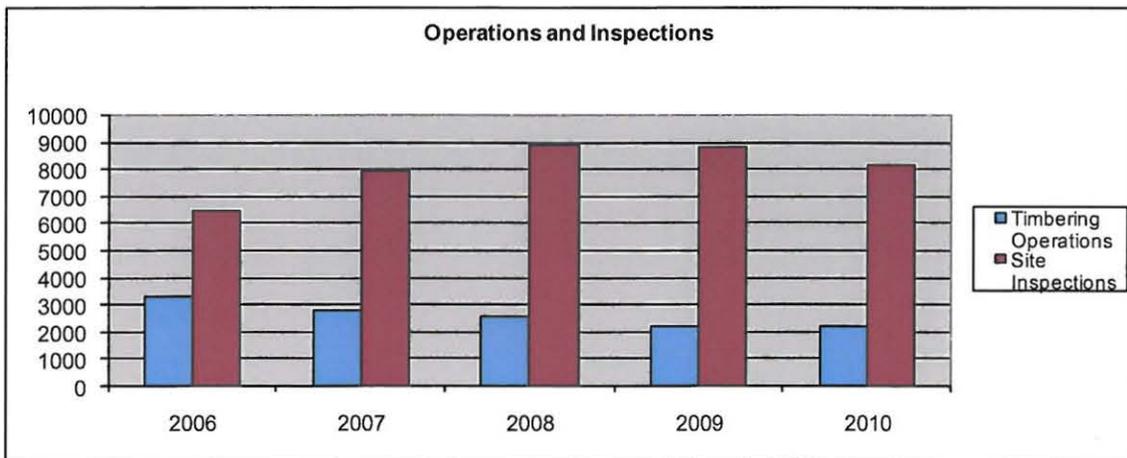
Licensing

- 964 operators were licensed by the WV Division of Forestry (WVDOP) to perform timbering operations, buy standing timber or buy logs for resale.
- 1,310 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

- 2,180 logging start notifications were filed by timber operators.
- 8,144 site inspections were performed by the WVDOP.
- 258 Complaints were received by the WVDOP, of which 142 were found to be valid.

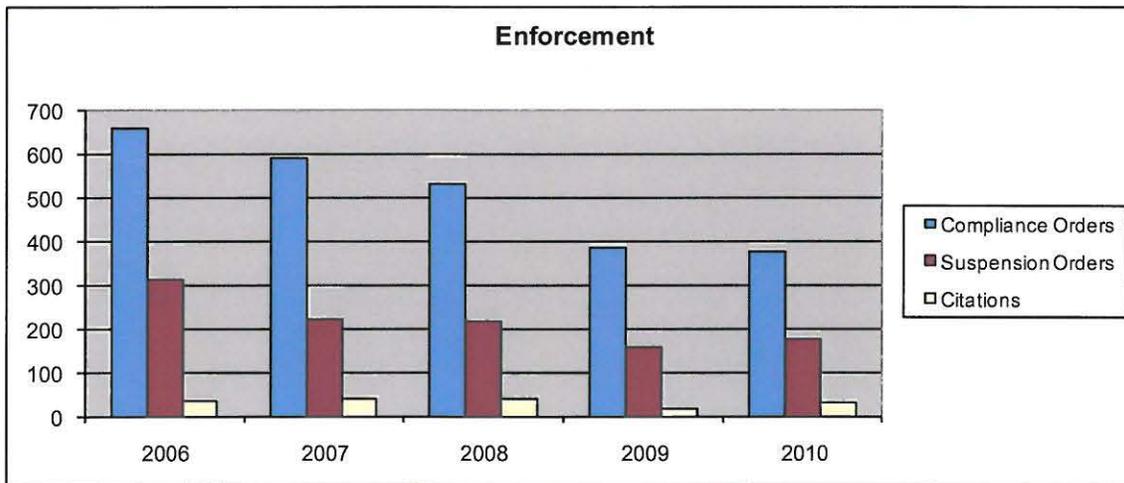


Training

- 58 workshops were held and 1006 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

- 374 Compliance Orders, 176 Suspension Orders and 29 citations were issued to individuals/companies holding certified logger and timbering licenses.



Logger of Excellence

- At this time, the Loggers of Excellence list for 2010 is not available. However, there were 121 in 2009 and there were 45 loggers who were repeat Loggers of Excellence in 2007, 2008, 2009.