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SUMMARY

Forty-plus year career focus has been in the Appalachian and Illinois Basins, which includes working for federal and state agencies, an engineering firm, two major coal companies and a land management company.

Resource development and mine geology in the primary coalfields of the U.S., and experience with coal and aggregate mines in Canada, China, Columbia, Indonesia and Mexico.

EXPERIENCE

RETIRED – WILMORE, KY

January 2017 to present

Provide part-time geologic consulting to coal, aggregates, and industrial sand industry; enjoy volunteer service positions, hobbies and family.

NATURAL RESOURCE PARTNERS, L.P. – HUNTINGTON, WV

Chief Geologist, January 2005 to December 2016

Manage the geological functions for a major publicly traded land management company. Primarily involved with reserve and data base analysis, SEC reporting, acquisition reviews, and technical support for a publicly traded land management company. Supervised geology staff and mentored geology interns from Marshall University.

ALLIANCE COAL, LLC/MAPCO COAL INC. – LEXINGTON KY

Senior Geologist, September 1989 to December 2004

Challenging position as principal geologist as Alliance/MAPCO expanded from 12 to 20 mtpy. Diverse responsibilities included: evaluated mining problems related to geology in all types of mining methods in the Illinois Basin and Central Appalachia; coordinated drilling programs and provided field support; maintained geological data bases; principal geologist on acquisition review teams, nationally and internationally; calculated annual reserve estimates for SEC purposes; evaluated coal quality issues related to thermal and metallurgical coals. Worked in a variety of mining and geological environments as well as interacting with operations people. Mentored six geology students from the University of Kentucky.

NERCO COAL INC. – CINCINNATI, OH & ST. LOUIS, MO

Manager, Geology, August 1985 to August 1989

Provided technical management and advisory services in the corporate headquarters of a top ten U.S. coal company. Primary responsibility was acquisition evaluations involving screening submittals; developing guidelines and strategy; making site visits; coordinating acquisitions team members; as well as functioning as lead geologist. Secondary responsibilities included support to diverse operations from Alabama to Indiana to the Powder River Basin.

DAMES & MOORE – CINCINNATI, OH

Geologist, December 1979 to August 1985

Conducted and managed investigations for clients of an international engineering and environmental firm. Principal tasks involved evaluating reserves; minability and coal quality for mining, utility, and financial clients throughout the world. Secondary tasks involved hydrological and ground water contamination assessments.

ILLINOIS STATE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY – CHAMPAIGN, IL

Assistant Geologist, January 1977 to December 1979

Worked in the Coal Section during a period of intense geological research and development in the Illinois Basin. Primary responsibilities involved geologic mapping in underground coal mines; collecting coal thickness and quality data for unexplored areas; and responding to inquiries from the public and private sectors. The position provided the opportunity to meet many expert coal geologists around the U.S.

U.S. BUREAU OF MINES – PITTSBURGH, PA

Geologist, June 1973 to 1977

Worked in the methane control and ventilation group, which focused on research and development of techniques to produce coalbed methane. Primary responsibility was to evaluate geological factors affecting gas content of coal seams in southern West Virginia and Utah. Served as technical project officer on cooperative investigations with industry.

EDUCATION

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

M.S., Geology, 1975

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

B.S., Geology, 1972

OTHER STRENGTHS

Served as a reviewer for the *International Journal of Coal Geology*, and taught Introductory Geology at Ashland (KY) Community and Technical College.

Professional registration in Indiana, Kentucky, and Virginia, as well as with the American Institute of Professional Geologists. Held leadership positions with the Kentucky Society of Professional Geologists and the American Institute of Professional Geologists – Kentucky Section. Member of the Kentucky Geological Survey Advisory Board, and the Geological Society of Kentucky.