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## ***Peabody's Derek Launius Named "Reclamationist Of the Year" by the American Society Of Mining And Reclamation***

Peabody's Derek Launius was named "Reclamationist of the Year" this week by the American Society of Mining and Reclamation (ASMR) for his outstanding accomplishments in the evaluation and application of technology used in land restoration.

Parke has more than 30 years of experience in farming, mining and reclamation, including more than a decade of developing innovative solutions in coal mine reclamation in Indiana and Illinois. His contributions include uses of cover crops and fertility management for water quality and safe and efficient methods for reclamation of coal refuse sites.

"Derek has served as a leader of our Midwest reclamation efforts for many years and is well deserving of this

recognition," said Kemal Williamson, Peabody President – Americas. "We congratulate him on his successful work to restore the land for generations that follow."

Launius began his career with Peabody in 2007, working in operations before joining the reclamation team. Incorporating his expertise in agriculture and land management, Launius has devised successful reclamation plans beginning with extensive soil sampling, along with innovative practices to ensure successful crop yields. His expertise in soil segregation practices and crop selection and rotation have greatly improved reclamation success on Peabody's mined lands. In many instances, crop yields on the reclaimed land not only meet, but surpass established productivity standards. In addition to generating productive farmlands, the lands under Launius's oversight provide habitat for countless geese, deer and other wildlife.

Launius's reclamation best practices have been shared across Peabody's operations and with local farmers and professionals with interest in farming reclaimed mine lands.

Launius is the ninth Peabody employee since 1985 to have received the "Reclamationist of the Year" award from ASMR.



*Peabody's Derek Launius (center) receives the 2018 Vance "Pat" Wiram Award for Innovation in Reclamation Technology by the Indiana Society of Mining and Reclamation.*