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Westmoreland's Jewett Mine Wins Reclamation Award

Colorado Springs, CO – April 25, 2011 -- Westmoreland Coal Company (NYSE AMEX: WLB) announced today that Texas Westmoreland Coal Company's Jewett Mine has received the 2011 Railroad Commission of Texas Coal Mining Reclamation Award for its "*Wilkerson Springs Creek Relocation*." Wilkerson Springs Creek is an intermittent creek that passes generally from east to west through the F mine area. The Jewett Mine used a geomorphic natural stream design technique resulting in a more natural looking creek channel that meanders and has features such as pools and riffles that more closely resemble a natural stream channel.

John Caudle, Director of Surface Mining and Reclamation Division for the Railroad Commission, presented the award to Joe Micheletti, President and General Manager of Texas Westmoreland and Denny Kingsley, Vice President, Engineering and Environmental Services on April 18, 2011. The Railroad Commission congratulated the Jewett Mine on its achievement and recognized Texas Westmoreland Coal Company for its innovative efforts in achieving outstanding reclamation.

Westmoreland Coal Company is the oldest independent coal company in the United States. The Company's coal operations include coal mining in the Powder River Basin in Montana and lignite mining operations in Montana, North Dakota and Texas. Its power operations include ownership of the two-unit ROVA coal-fired power plant in North Carolina. For more information, visit www.westmoreland.com.

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