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### **Local Geologist Presents at Regional Geology Conference**

**CHATHAM, Va.** – Virginia Uranium’s Chief Geologist and Gretna native, Joseph Aylor, Ph.D., recently attended the Geological Society of America Southeast Section Meeting. The three-day conference held in St. Petersburg, Florida, included two symposia and a myriad of topical sessions related to the geological industry. As part of the Geochemistry & Economic Geology session, Dr. Aylor presented on the uranium deposit at Coles Hill in Pittsylvania County.

The presentation included information about the 110 million pounds of U3O8 and the Leatherwood Granite that it is in. They also discussed possible hypotheses for the origins of the mineralization.

“The Coles Hill uranium deposit is getting a lot of attention from the academic community and the economic mining community, because of the amount of information available to study and the tremendous potential for resource development,” said Aylor. “It’s great to be working on a project that has the potential to make our country more energy independent, and has significance to the study of uranium in general.”

Dr. Aylor presented the Coles Hill project at the conference with Dr. James Beard of the Virginia Museum of Natural History and Dr. Robert Bodnar of the Department of Geosciences at Virginia Tech.

“The presentation on the undeveloped uranium deposit in Virginia was very interesting,” said Meghan Lindsey, leader of the Geochemistry & Economic Geology Session at the conference. “From Dr. Aylor’s presentation, I can see why they are excited about the uranium project in Pittsylvania County, Virginia and the potential it could bring in the economical geology aspect.”

Established in 1888, The Geological Society of America provides access to elements that are essential to the professional growth of earth scientists at all levels of expertise and from all sectors: academic, government, business, and industry.

The 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference attracted more than 300 geology professionals and students from across the Southeastern United States. The meeting was hosted by the University of South Florida (USF) Department of Geology and the USF Geology Alumni Society. Theme sessions cover such topics as geologic maps and digital map publication; geoscience education and literacy; local cave and karst systems; the impacts of sea-level rise, reduced sediment supply, extreme storm events, and human activity on coastal systems; the region’s diverse animal and plant fossil record; and the study of volcanoes.

Dr. Aylor, a native of Gretna, has over 30 years of experience as a geologist and environmental engineer. Most recently he was the Environmental Services Manager with ECS Mid-Atlantic LLC. Dr. Aylor has extensive experience in all aspects of project management, including researching prospects, budgeting proposed projects, performing environmental site assessments, supervising drilling activities and negotiating with regulators. He also assisted the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control in the drafting of Brownfield regulations. Dr. Aylor held various research and teaching positions with the Florida Geological Survey and Florida State University and has authored numerous articles for industry publications. Dr. Aylor holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geology from the University of Virginia, a Masters of Science degree in Geology from Arizona State University and a Ph.D. in Geology from Florida State University.

**About Virginia Uranium Inc.:** Virginia Uranium Inc. is a Virginia corporation established in 2007 by the Coles and Bowen families to begin preliminary work on the development of one of the largest undeveloped uranium deposit in the United States, which is located at Coles Hill in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. For more information, please visit [www.VirginiaUranium.com](http://www.VirginiaUranium.com).

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