

(p) "Director" means the Director of the Bureau of Mines.

(q) "Plan" or "reclamation plan" means the mining and Reclamation Plan.

(r) "Report," "progress report" or "reclamation report" means the annual mining and Reclamation Report.

(s) "Final report" or "final reclamation report" means the Mining and Reclamation Final Report.

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(a) There is hereby created a standing committee which shall be known as the Land Reclamation Committee, hereafter referred to as the "Committee," to be composed of nine members as follows: The Director of the Maryland Geological Survey, who shall act as Chairman; ~~the soil conservation district supervisors from Allegany and Garrett Counties~~ ~~ONE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR FROM SUPERVISORS OF ALLEGANY COUNTY, AND ONE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR FROM SUPERVISORS OF GARRETT COUNTY~~ or their designated representatives; two members representing the mining industry, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE FOR THREE YEAR TERMS; ~~one member representing each~~ THE DIRECTOR OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE of the following state agencies: The Department of Game and Inland Fish, The Department of Forests and Parks, The Department of Water Resources and the Bureau of Mines. All members of the Committee except the Chairman shall be appointed by the Maryland Geological Survey Commission for a three (3) year term. ~~Vacancies shall be filled by the Commission as in original appointments.~~ The Committee members shall serve without compensation, other than reimbursement for travel and actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties under this subheading. Funds for expenses will be provided for in the budget of the Maryland Geological Survey. The Committee shall meet at the Chairman's request, but in no case shall the meetings be held less often than twice a year. A quorum shall consist of five (5) or more members. A Majority vote of the full committee shall be necessary to approve any action.

(b) It is the duty of the Land Reclamation Committee to study, recommend and approve all procedures for reclamation, conservation and revegetation of areas affected by open-pit mining within the State of Maryland. Such measures shall include, but not be restricted to, backfilling and grading, the restoration of plant cover, the prevention of erosion, the prevention of the creation of acid water, and any other actions which will be conducive to the conservation and best utilization of the natural resources of Maryland. It shall be the duty of the Committee to review all mining and reclamation plans, progress reports and final reports. The Committee shall also set the amount of all revegetation bonds. The Committee may inspect or have inspected any open-pit mining operation at any time in order to determine land reclamation, conservation and revegetation conditions. It is the duty of the Committee to establish plans and methods of procedure as well as practical guidelines for the prompt and adequate reclamation, conservation