

OTHER RESOURCES MAY BE REDUCED IN EQUITY OR EFFECTIVENESS UNLESS THEY PERTAIN SIMILARLY FROM STATE TO STATE FOR ALL MINING OPERATIONS SIMILARLY SITUATED.

5. THE STATES ARE IN A POSITION AND HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO ASSURE THAT MINING SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SOUND CONSERVATION PRINCIPLES, AND WITH DUE REGARD FOR LOCAL CONDITIONS.

(B) THE PURPOSES OF THIS COMPACT ARE TO:

1. ADVANCE THE PROTECTION AND RESTORATION OF LAND, WATER AND OTHER RESOURCES AFFECTED BY MINING.

2. ASSIST IN THE REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION OR COUNTERACTING OF POLLUTION OR DETERIORATION OF LAND, WATER AND AIR ATTRIBUTABLE TO MINING.

3. ENCOURAGE, WITH DUE RECOGNITION OF RELEVANT REGIONAL, PHYSICAL, AND OTHER DIFFERENCES, PROGRAMS IN EACH OF THE PARTY STATES WHICH WILL ACHIEVE COMPARABLE RESULTS IN PROTECTING, CONSERVING, AND IMPROVING THE USEFULNESS OF NATURAL RESOURCES, TO THE END THAT THE MOST DESIRABLE CONDUCT OF MINING AND RELATED OPERATIONS MAY BE UNIVERSALLY FACILITATED.

4. ASSIST THE PARTY STATES IN THEIR EFFORTS TO FACILITATE THE USE OF LAND AND OTHER RESOURCES AFFECTED BY MINING, SO THAT SUCH USE MAY BE CONSISTENT WITH SOUND LAND USE, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND PUBLIC SAFETY, AND TO THIS END TO STUDY AND RECOMMEND, WHEREVER DESIRABLE, TECHNIQUES FOR THE IMPROVEMENT, RESTORATION OR PROTECTION OF SUCH LAND AND OTHER RESOURCES.

5. ASSIST IN ACHIEVING AND MAINTAINING AN EFFICIENT AND PRODUCTIVE MINING INDUSTRY AND IN INCREASING ECONOMIC AND OTHER BENEFITS ATTRIBUTABLE TO MINING.

ARTICLE II

DEFINITIONS

AS USED IN THIS COMPACT, THE TERM:

(A) "MINING" MEANS THE BREAKING OF THE SURFACE SOIL IN ORDER TO FACILITATE OR ACCOMPLISH THE EXTRACTION OR REMOVAL OF MINERALS, ORES, OR OTHER SOLID MATTER; ANY ACTIVITY OR PROCESS CONSTITUTING ALL OR PART OF A PROCESS FOR THE EXTRACTION OR REMOVAL OF MINERALS, ORES, AND OTHER SOLID MATTER FROM ITS ORIGINAL LOCATION; AND THE PREPARATION, WASHING, CLEANING, OR OTHER TREATMENT OF MINERALS, ORES, OR OTHER SOLID MATTER SO AS TO MAKE THEM SUITABLE FOR COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, OR CONSTRUCTION USE; BUT SHALL NOT INCLUDE THOSE ASPECTS OF DEEP MINING NOT HAVING SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE SURFACE, AND SHALL NOT INCLUDE EXCAVATION OR GRADING WHEN CONDUCTED SOLELY IN AID OF ON SITE FARMING OR