

BACKFILLING AND GRADING, RESTORATION OF PLANT COVER, PREVENTION OF EPOSICN, PREVENTION OF THE CREATION OF ACID WATER, AND ANY OTHER ACTION WHICH IS CONDUCTIVE TO THE CONSERVATION AND BEST UTILIZATION OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF MARYLAND. THE COMMITTEE SHALL REVIEW ALL MINING AND RECLAMATION PLANS, PROGRESS REPORTS, AND FINAL REPCRTS. IT ALSO SHALL SET THE AMOUNT OF ANY REVEGETATION BOND. 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 SHALL ESTABLISH PLANS AND METHODS OF PROCEDURE AS WELL AS PRACTICAL GUIDELINES FOR PROMPT AND ADEQUATE RECLAMATION, CONSERVATION, AND REVEGETATION OF ALL LANDS DISTURBED BY OPEN-PIT MINING OF BITUMINOUS COAL WITHIN THE STATE. THESE PLANS, METHCDS OF PROCEDURE, AND PRACTICAL GUIDELINES SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU. FINALLY, THE COMMITTEE SHALL REVIEW THE STRIP MINING LAWS OF THE STATE TO ASSURE CCMPLIANCE WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE SUBTITLE DEALING WITH STRIP MINING.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as Article 66C, section 660(k) of the Code. The committee advises that the "proper regulatory agency" described in this subsection is the bureau. The only other changes made are in style.

7-206. EXAMINING BOARD.

(A) APPOINTMENT; QUALIFICATIONS; OATHS; SALARY AND EXPENSES.—UPCN THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU, CONCURRED IN BY THE SECRETARY, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT TWO PERSONS, ONE A MINER AND THE OTHER AN OPERATOR, WHO WITH THE DIRECTOR SHALL CONSTITUTE AN EXAMINING BOARD. THE DIRECTOR SHALL BE CHAIRMAN, EX OFFICIO. EACH APPOINTED MINER AND OPERATOR SHALL: (1) BE A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AND A RESIDENT OF THE STATE; (2) BE NOT LESS THAN 30 YEARS OF AGE; (3) HAVE AT LEAST FIVE YEARS' PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN THE COAL MINING INDUSTRY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE APPOINTMENT; AND (4) BE A PERSON OF INTEGRITY, KNOWN INTELLIGENCE, AND WHO HAS KNOWLEDGE OF THIS OCCUPATION. A MEMBER SHALL REMAIN IN OFFICE UNTIL HIS SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIED. BEFORE ENTERING UPON THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE, EACH MEMBER SHALL TAKE AND SUBSCRIBE THE OATH PROVIDED BY THE CONSTITUTION. THE BOARD SHALL HAVE THE OFFICE ROOM, MEETING SPACE, EQUIPMENT, STENOGRAPHIC AND OTHER ASSISTANCE, SUPPLIES, AND FACILITIES THE SECRETARY APPROVES. EMPLOYEES OF THE BOARD SHALL BE SELECTED IN