

meanings indicated.

(b) "Abandoned" means an operation where no coal has been produced or overburden removed for a period of six months.

(c) "Auger mining" means the mechanical removal of coal from the subsurface by augering from the outcrop. It is an integral part of open-pit mining.

(d) "Committee" means Land Reclamation Committee.

(E) "COMPLETED" MEANS AN OPERATION WHERE THE BACKFILLING, PLANTING, AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF THE PERMIT HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED AND GROWTH IS SUCH THAT THE OPERATOR QUALIFIES FOR RELEASE OF THE REVEGETATION BOND.

[(e)](F) "Deep mining" means any method of extracting coal from the subsurface [excepting], EXCEPT open-pit mining and auger mining, and includes methods such as drift mining, shaft mining, and inclined slope mining.

[(f)](G) "Degree" means the angle of slope from the horizontal.

[(g)](H) "Final report" or "final reclamation report" means the mining and reclamation final report.

[(h)](I) "Land" means the surface of the land on which open-pit mining is conducted.

[(i)](J) "Land affected" means [the] land from which the overburden is removed [and then], LAND occupied by [the] spoil OR HAUL ROADS, OR LAND ASSOCIATED WITH OR AFFECTED BY STRIPMINING.

[(j)](K) "Landowner" means person in whom the legal title to the land is vested.

(L) "NET PROJECT CONSTRUCTION COST" MEANS THE PART OF THE PROJECT CONSTRUCTION COST PAID FROM THE REVOLVING ACCOUNT EQUAL TO THE PROJECT CONSTRUCTION COST LESS THE CASH CONTRIBUTION OF THE OWNER OF THE BENEFITED PROPERTY ON COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION.

[(k)](M) "Open-pit mining" or "strip mining" means the mining or recovery of bituminous coal by removing the strata or material which overlies or is above the coal deposit or seam in its natural condition. It includes auger mining.

[(l)](N) "Operation" means any pit located on a single tract of land or a continuous pit embracing or extending upon two or more contiguous tracts of land.

[(m)](O) "Operator" means a person engaged in open-pit mining as a principal as distinguished from an