

7-520.

NO PERSON MAY ENGAGE IN OR BE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR BLASTING OR THE USE OF EXPLOSIVES IN OPEN-PIT MINING OPERATIONS WITHOUT BEING CERTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A PROGRAM PROVIDING TRAINING, EXAMINATION AND CERTIFICATION.

7-521.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ANY HEARING REQUIRED BY THIS SUBTITLE, THE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS, SUBPOENA WITNESSES, OR WRITTEN OR PRINTED MATERIALS, AND TAKE EVIDENCE INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO INSPECTIONS OF THE LAND AFFECTED AND OTHER SURFACE COAL MINING OPERATIONS CARRIED ON BY THE OPERATOR IN THE GENERAL VICINITY. A VERBATIM RECORD OF EACH HEARING REQUIRED BY THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE MADE UNLESS WAIVED BY ALL PARTIES, AND A TRANSCRIPT MADE AVAILABLE ON THE MOTION OF ANY PARTY OR BY ORDER OF THE DEPARTMENT.

7-522.

IF ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE OR THE APPLICABILITY THEREOF TO ANY PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCES IS HELD INVALID, THE REMAINDER OF THIS SUBTITLE AND THE APPLICATION OF SUCH PROVISION TO OTHER PERSONS OR CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL NOT BE AFFECTED THEREBY.

7-5A-03.

(E) IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE STABILITY OF LAND, THE SECRETARY SHALL SUSPEND DEEP MINING UNDER URBANIZED AREAS, CITIES, TOWNS AND COMMUNITIES AND ADJACENT TO INDUSTRIAL OR COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS, MAJOR IMPOUNDMENTS OR PERMANENT STREAMS IF HE FINDS IMMINENT DANGER TO INHABITANTS OF THE URBANIZED AREAS, CITIES, TOWNS AND COMMUNITIES.

(F) THE SURFACE EFFECTS OF DEEP MINING SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF SUBTITLE 5 OF TITLE 7 AND ANY RULES OR REGULATIONS ADOPTED PURSUANT THERETO.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 7-515, of Article - Natural Resources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1979.

Approved May 14, 1979.

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