

Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (P.L. 95-87); removing waivers to certain prohibitions on mining; providing additional provisions related to citizens' suits; providing additional provisions on conflict of interest; requiring that all violations be corrected within 90 days; making other changes required by the U.S. Department of the Interior for conditional approval of the Maryland Program; generally amending the laws relating to strip mining in Maryland; and providing expressly that the provisions of this Act are severable.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources

Section 7-501(k) and (n), ~~7-505-(b)-and-(e)~~ 7-505(b), (c) and (d), 7-507(c), (f), and (g), and 7-516(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1980 Supplement)

BY renumbering

Article - Natural Resources

Section 7-522 to be 7-524

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1980 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources

Section 7-522 and 7-523

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1980 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

7-501.

(k) "Land affected" means [land from which the overburden is removed, land occupied by spoil or haul roads, or land associated with or affected by strip mining.] THE AREAS ON WHICH OPEN-PIT MINING ACTIVITIES OCCUR OR WHERE THOSE ACTIVITIES DISTURB THE NATURAL LAND SURFACE. THESE AREAS ALSO SHALL INCLUDE ANY ADJACENT LAND, THE USE OF WHICH IS INCIDENTAL TO ANY OPEN-PIT MINING ACTIVITY, ANY LAND AFFECTED BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ROAD OR THE IMPROVEMENT OR USE OF AN EXISTING ROAD TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE SITE OF THE ACTIVITIES FOR HAULAGE, AND ANY EXCAVATION, WORKING, IMPOUNDMENT, DAM, VENTILATION SHAFT, ENTRYWAY,