

~~(iii) Excavation or grading (conducted) ACTIVITIES DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT AS BEING solely in aid of on-site farming or on-site construction for purposes other than mining;~~

~~(iv) Removal of overburden and mining of limited amounts of any mineral when done only for the purpose of prospecting and to the extent necessary to determine the location, quantity, or quality of any natural deposit, if no minerals are sold, processed for sale, or consumed in the regular operation of a business;~~

~~(v) The handling, processing, or storage of slag and stone on the premises of a manufacturer as a part of the manufacturing process which requires stone as a raw material or produces slag as a by-product;~~

~~(vi) The extraction of minerals, by a landowner for his own noncommercial use from land owned or leased by him;~~

~~(vii) Mining operations if the affected land does not exceed one acre in area;~~

~~(viii) The extraction of sand, gravel, rock, stone, earth, or fill from borrow pits for highway construction purposes or other public facilities, if the work is performed under a bond, contract, and specifications of the Department which provide for and require reclamation of the area affected in the manner provided by this subtitle; or~~

~~(ix) Dredging from submerged public or private lands in the State if this activity is conducted under a license from the State Board of Public Works or by permit from the Department, as provided for in Title 9 of this article.~~

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(a) All funds received by the Department from license fees, permit fees, SPECIAL RECLAMATION FEES, the forfeiture of bonds and of cash deposits and securities, and fines collected upon conviction of an operator under §§ 7-6A-06[(c)] (E) and 7-6A-07[(f)] (H) shall be deposited to the credit of the State Treasurer in a bank he designates OR MAY BE INVESTED AS PROVIDED BY LAW, and shall be maintained as a special fund on the books of the Comptroller of the Treasury in an account, to be known as the "Surface Mined Land Reclamation Fund." This Fund shall be used by the Department for the administration and implementation of this subtitle, including rehabilitating the area of land affected by the operation upon which liability was charged on the bond.