

that such permits shall be subject to all requirements of Maryland law not expressly exempted by this Act.

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 7-515  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1974 Volume and 1981 Supplement)

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

Article - Natural Resources

7-515.

(A) AN OPEN-PIT MINING OPERATION THAT DOES NOT EXCEED 2 ACRES OF LAND AFFECTED MAY OBTAIN A PERMIT UNDER THIS SECTION IN LIEU OF OTHER PERMIT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE. HOWEVER, A PERMIT ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE NOT EXPRESSLY EXEMPTED BY THIS SECTION.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT ISSUE A PERMIT TO AN OPERATOR UNDER THIS SECTION FOR ANY AREA WHICH IS ADJACENT OR IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO AN AREA ALREADY EMPLOYED FOR OPEN-PIT MINING OPERATIONS. AN OPERATOR MAY HOLD ONLY 1 PERMIT UNDER THIS SECTION AT ANY GIVEN TIME.

(C) IN LIEU OF SECTION 7-505(C) OF THIS SUBTITLE, AN APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:

(1) THE NAME OF THE OWNER OF THE SURFACE OF THE LAND TO BE MINED;

(2) THE NAME OF THE OWNER OF THE COAL TO BE MINED;

(3) THE LEGAL RIGHT OF THE APPLICANT TO ENTER AND CONDUCT THE OPERATION OF THE LAND;

(4) A PLAN, PREPARED AND CERTIFIED BY A PERSON APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT, SHOWING THE TRACT OF LAND ON WHICH THE APPLICANT PROPOSES TO CONDUCT THE OPERATION, THE BOUNDARIES AND THE NUMBER OF ACRES OF THE LAND TO BE AFFECTED BY THE OPERATION, THE INTENDED USE OF THE LAND AFTER REMOVAL OF THE COAL, AND SUCH OTHER INFORMATION AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE MINING OPERATION IS CONDUCTED, AND THE AREA AFFECTED IS RESTORED, IN A MANNER THAT MINIMIZES THE IMPACT OF THE OPERATION ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE SURROUNDING AREA;