

open-pit mining operator's license; providing for certain notices concerning the payment or nonpayment of county coal severance taxes and surcharges; providing for certain presumptions in the absence of notification under this Act; making stylistic changes; and prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from renewing an open-pit mining operator's license until certain notification is provided and certain surcharges and taxes are paid; and allowing the Department to renew a license under this Act under certain conditions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section 7-504(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

7-504.

(a) (1) (I) A person may not conduct open-pit mining as an operator within the State without a currently valid license from the Department.

(II) Each application for a license as an open-pit mining operator shall be made in writing to the Department, on a form the Department furnishes and accompanied by a \$200 fee. The application shall contain information concerning the applicant as required by the Department. In the case of an application submitted by a corporation, partnership, or association, the application shall contain information concerning officers, directors, and principal owners, as the Department requires.

(2) (I) Every person licensed as an open-pit mining operator shall renew [his] THE PERSON'S license annually and pay a \$10 renewal fee.

(II) The application for renewal of a license as an open-pit mining operator shall be made on or before January 1 of the next succeeding year AND--SHALL--INCLUDE--WRITTEN NOTIFICATION--FROM--THE--COUNTY--FISCAL--AUTHORITY--STATING--THAT--THE PERSON--HAS--PAID--ALL--COUNTY--COAL--SEVERANCE--TAXES--AND--SURCHARGES THAT--ARE--DUE--THROUGH--THE--PREVIOUS--MONTH--OF--NOVEMBER--AS--PROVIDED UNDER--ARTICLE--817--§--468--OF--THE--CODE--AND--§--7-507.1--OF--THIS SUBTITLE.---THE--DEPARTMENT--MAY--NOT--RENEW--A--PERSON'S--OPEN-PIT MINING--OPERATOR'S--LICENSE--UNTIL--THE--PERSON--PROVIDES--WRITTEN NOTIFICATION--FROM--THE--COUNTY--FISCAL--OFFICER--STATING--THAT--ALL--OF THE--PERSON'S--COUNTY--COAL--SEVERANCE--TAXES--AND--SURCHARGES--THAT--ARE DUE--THROUGH--THE--PREVIOUS--MONTH--OF--NOVEMBER--HAVE--BEEN--PAID.