

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 7-5A-10(d) and 7-5A-13(c) and (d)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

BY adding to

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Section 7-5A-05.1, 7-5A-05.2, and 7-5A-10(d)  
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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7-5A-05.

(a) A person may not continue or commence operation of any deep mine as an operator after January 1, 1977 without first obtaining a permit from the Secretary.

(b) The application for a permit shall be on a form prescribed by the Secretary and shall be accompanied by a \$200 fee. As part of the application, the operator shall include: (1) two copies of an accurate map or plan as required by subsection [(h)] (I) of this section; (2) a detailed mine opening sealing plan and general reclamation plan for the affected area; (3) any other information required by the Secretary; and (4) an application for each other permit required for the operation by the Natural Resources Article.

(c) (1) [(i)] Upon submission of the completed applications required by subsection (b) of this section, the [Secretary] DEPARTMENT shall [issue public notice] REQUIRE THE APPLICANT TO PUBLISH AN APPROVED PUBLIC NOTICE of the opportunity to submit written comments and to request a hearing.

(2) THE PUBLIC NOTICE SHALL:

(I) BE PUBLISHED IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE COUNTY OF THE PROPOSED MINING SITE AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK FOR 4 SUCCESSIVE WEEKS;

(II) IDENTIFY THE OWNERSHIP OF THE LAND WITHIN THE PROPOSED PERMIT AREA;

(III) DESCRIBE THE LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED OPERATION SUFFICIENTLY SO THAT IT CAN BE EASILY LOCATED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS;