

~~maximum~~ minimum amount to be imposed for certain performance bonds; and generally relating to surface mines.

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Section 7-6A-19(e) and 7-6A-20

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Section 7-6A-19(a)

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

Article – Natural Resources

7-6A-19.

(a) The applicant shall submit with his application for a surface mining permit a proposed mining and reclamation plan. The plan shall include at least the following:

- (1) The purpose for which the land previously was used;
- (2) The use which is proposed to be made of the land following reclamation;
- (3) The manner in which the land is to be opened for mining and how the mining activity is to progress across the tract;
- (4) The location of affected areas;
- (5) The manner in which topsoil and subsoil are to be conserved and restored and, if conditions do not permit the conservation and restoration of all or part of the topsoil and subsoil, a full explanation of the conditions and alternate procedures proposed;
- (6) Where backfilling is required, or where the proposed subsequent land use requires fill, the manner in which the compaction of the fill will be accomplished;
- (7) The manner and type of landscaping and screening of the working areas which are exposed to public view during mining;
- (8) The proposed practices to protect adjacent surface resources;
- (9) The specifications for surface gradient restoration to a surface suitable for the proposed subsequent use of the land after reclamation is completed, and the proposed method of accomplishment;