

(s) "Owner's cash contribution" means the sum that an owner of property benefited by an orphaned land reclamation project agrees to pay in a lump sum on approval of the project.

(t) "Permit" means a permit to conduct open-pit mining pursuant to this subtitle.

(u) "Person" includes the federal government, the State, any county, municipal corporation, or other political subdivision of the State, or any of their units, or any individual, receiver, trustee, guardian, executor, administrator, fiduciary, or representative of any kind, or any partnership, firm, associations, public or private corporation, or any other entity.

(v) "Principal owner" means an owner or beneficial owner of at least 10 percent of a corporation, firm, partnership, limited liability company, or association.

(w) "Project construction cost" means total cost to construct an orphaned land reclamation project, exclusive of design, supervision, inspection and maintenance costs.

(x) "Prospect" means the removal of soil or rock material overlying bituminous coal to determine the location or value of the coal resource of the area, but not to sell, exchange, or transfer.

(y) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Department of [Natural Resources] THE ENVIRONMENT.

(z) "Spoil pile" means the overburden and reject coal as it is piled or deposited in open-pit mining.

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(a) The Bureau may make and enforce any rule and regulation necessary to prevent, minimize, or repair damage to the land or the natural resources associated with the land which may result from any open-pit mining operation.

(b) [Nothing contained in this subtitle abrogates or supplants any of the enforcement or regulatory powers of the Department of the Environment.

(c) The Department is authorized to administer a surface mining control program consistent with the requirements of the federal Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act, any amendments to that Act, and any rule or regulation promulgated under that Act.

15-801.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Affected land" means the land from which the mineral is removed by surface mining, and all other land area in which the natural land surface has been disturbed as a result of or incidental to the surface mining activities of the permittee, including private ways and roads appurtenant to the area, land excavations, workings, refuse piles, spoil piles, and tailings.