

(s) "Refuse" means all waste soil, rock, mineral, scrap, tailings, slimes, and other materials directly connected with the mining, cleaning, and preparation of substances mined and includes all waste materials deposited on or in the permit area from other sources.

(t) "Spoil pile" means the overburden and reject materials as piled or deposited in surface mining.

(u) "Surface mining" means all of the following:

(1) The breaking of the surface soil in order to facilitate or accomplish the extraction or removal of minerals;

(2) Any activity or process constituting all or part of a process for the extraction or removal of minerals from their original location; or

(3) The extraction of sand, gravel, rock, stone, earth, or fill from borrow pits for highway construction purposes or other public facilities.

(v) "Tract" means a single parcel of land or two or more contiguous parcels of land with common ownership.

(w) "Unreclaimed" means land which has not been rehabilitated for useful purposes or the protection of natural resources.

15-803.

(A) The Department may adopt regulations reasonably necessary for the administration of this subtitle. Regulations shall be adopted in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act.

(B) IN ADOPTING REGULATIONS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL RECOGNIZE THE BASIC AND ESSENTIAL RESOURCE UTILIZATION ASPECT OF THE SURFACE MINING INDUSTRY AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INDUSTRY TO THE ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF THE STATE.

15-902.

In accordance with Article V (i) of the compact, the Commission shall file copies of its bylaws and any amendments thereto with the Department of [Natural Resources] THE ENVIRONMENT.

15-1101.

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

(b) "Board" means Board of Public Works.

(c) "Department" means Department of [Natural Resources] THE ENVIRONMENT.

(d) "Land" means real property, including improvements, rights-of-way, water, riparian or other vested rights, easements, privileges, and any other estate or interest in real property.