

3.12 SURFACE MINING LICENSE

- *Question: Am I responsible for a surface mining operation?*

Why do I need this approval?

Maryland requires that anyone responsible for a surface mining operation obtain a license from the Department. The purpose of the license is to ensure that non-coal mining operations meet the Department's environmental standards, have proper credentials, have acceptable track records in Maryland and elsewhere, and meet financial accountability requirements.

What laws or regulations give MDE the legal authority to issue this approval?

STATE: Environment Article, Title 15, Subtitle 8;
COMAR 26.21.01.

What is the process to get this approval?

- 1) Submit the completed application and fees to:
Department of the Environment
Water and Science Administration
Mining Program
P.O. Box 2057
Baltimore, MD 21203-2057
- 2) The Department will review the application.
- 3) A decision on the application will be made within 30 days of receipt of a completed application.

Is this approval directly related or contingent on other approvals?

The applicant, if a corporation, is screened with the Maryland Department of Assessment and Taxation for currency in their payment of taxes (per section 1-203) and to assure that the business is registered to do business in Maryland.

Are there any other requirements?

The application shall include the following:

- a) Identify business structure for applicant, such as: corporation, partnership, or individual;
- b) If applicant is a corporation, indicate if the corporation is registered to do business in Maryland;
- c) Identify all partners, registered agents, principle officers, and/or directors; and
- d) Include information concerning outstanding violations, and bond forfeitures in any state.

How long should I expect it to take to get this approval once I submit a complete application?

30 days

Once I get this approval, how long will it last?

One year, January 1 to December 31

How much will this approval cost?

Type of Fee	Fee
Application fee	\$300
Renewal fee	\$150 annually

Who do I contact with additional questions?

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Related link:

<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Land/Pages/landpermits.aspx>