

3.10 COAL MINING OPERATOR LICENSE

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

Why do I need this approval?

Maryland requires that anyone responsible for a coal mining operation obtain a mining operator license from the Department.

The purpose of the license is to ensure that 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?

FEDERAL: Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, 30 U.S.C.A. §1201, et seq.
STATE: Environment Article, Title 15, Subtitle 5 and 6; Sections 15-504 and 15-605.

What is the process to get this approval?

- 1) Submit the completed application to:
Maryland Department of the Environment
Bureau of Mines
160 South Water Street
Frostburg, MD 21532
- 2) The Department will review the application for completeness and verify that the applicant has not forfeited a bond in Maryland or in any other state.

Are there any other requirements?

The application shall include the following:

- a) Identify if the application is for open pit or deep mine;
- b) Identify the business structure for the applicant, such as: corporation, partnership, association, individual, or other;
- c) If the applicant is a corporation, indicate state in which incorporated, date of incorporation, name and address of resident agent; and

d) Include verification that the business has been registered with the Maryland Department of Assessment and Taxation.

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	\$200
Renewal fee	\$10 annually

Do I need to know any additional information?

The applicant will be denied a renewal if violations or corrective actions in Maryland or other states have not been corrected.

Who do I contact with additional questions?

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