

## 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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