

**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF RECLAMATION**

**\*\*POLICY PROCEDURE DIRECTIVE\*\***

**Industrial Minerals 96-1**

**Subject:** Roads used to facilitate mining

**Effective:** February 15, 1996

**Purpose:** To provide guidance for the permitting of roads under Chapter 1514 of the Revised Code.

Ohio Revised Code Section 1514.01 defines surface mining as "all or any part of a process followed in the production of minerals from the earth or from the surface of the land by surface excavation methods...."

The Division interprets the above language to mean where a road has been constructed by the placement of spoil or by affecting an undisturbed area to facilitate a mining operation (e.g. mining area to mining area, or from the mining area to the processing area), it will be considered as affected area and will be required to be bonded, monitored for possible damage to adjacent property, and subsequently reclaimed.

In the case where a road is to be left as a permanent road, it will be considered reclaimed when it is improved with a durable material that is not subject to erosion and exhibits sound engineering design. For those roads to be left as permanent structures the bonds will be released under the same procedure as followed by other permit areas.

Haul roads that are not to remain as permanent roads must be reclaimed according to the reclamation plan. (This policy does not apply to roads in service before the effective date of this policy that meet the criteria of a permanent road). If you have any questions, please contact Robert Baker at (614) 265-1092.

  
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