



Negotiated Public Meeting - Notes

Name of Negotiated Rulemaking: Rules Governing Mined Land Reclamation

Docket Number: Docket No. 20-0302-2401

Date & Time: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m. (MT)

Location: Boise Bureau staff office
Garnet Meeting Room
300 N. 6th Street, Suite 103
Boise, Idaho 83720

Meeting Facilitator: Andy Mork – IDL Minerals Program Manager

Staff:

- In Person: [List Names] *Andy Mork, Marin Sanborn, Shannon Chollett*
- Via Teams: [Name]

Audience: *Dale Kerner, Dan Kline, Scott Olsen, Douglas McGregor,*

- In Person: ([Number] Expected) *Kevin Ridley, Larry Ridley, Niko*
- Via Teams: [List Names + affiliation + email address] *Cal McKlusky, Will Tiedeman, unknown caller, Kendal Tanner, Los fra*

1. **Welcome & Introductions** (__ minutes)
 - Introductions from facilitator and key participants
 - Brief overview of participation guidelines for rulemaking
2. **Draft Negotiated Rules** (__ minutes)
 - Presentation of the draft rules
 - Open discussion and Q&A on specific sections of the rules
3. **Summary Report & Final Discussion** (__ minutes)
 - Summarized report of comments received based on sections of the rule
 - Opportunity for final comments and discussion
4. **Meeting Adjournment** (__ minutes)

1 hour 15 minutes.

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Notes Summary

The session focused on the rules governing mined land reclamation, with participants from various organizations, including the Idaho Department of Lands and private companies, contributing to the discussion. Andy Mork, the Minerals Program Manager, outlined the objectives of the proposed rule changes, which aim to enhance clarity, improve readability, and reduce the length of the regulations. The meeting emphasized the importance of public feedback, with a comment period open until June 3rd, allowing attendees to suggest specific wording changes either during the meeting or through the official comment section.

Key topics included the definitions of coarser durable rock armor, disturbed acres, and permitted acres in reclamation plans. Concerns were raised regarding the clarity of these definitions, particularly their implications for financial assurance and compliance with federal regulations. The discussion also covered the need for clear guidelines on application requirements, including the submission of site maps and cross-sections to illustrate mining operations and protect surface water quality. Participants were encouraged to provide feedback on all aspects of the rules, not just the stated objectives, to ensure comprehensive input.

The meeting concluded with a review of proposed changes related to financial assurance and public hearing protocols. Concerns were expressed about the potential confusion arising from annual financial assurance reviews, and the need to clarify the distinction between affected and disturbed land was highlighted. Mork confirmed that the public comment period would remain open until June 13th, with draft three of the rules expected by July 15th, followed by a final public comment period in September. Participants were encouraged to stay engaged and submit their comments to contribute to the rulemaking process.

Meeting concluded at 11:15 a.m. (MT)