



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
BUREAU OF MINING PROGRAMS

EXPLORATION LOCATION

Municipality: _____

County: _____

Site Name: _____

NONCOAL EXPLORATION REQUEST FOR PERMIT WAIVER

Date Received: _____
Date Inspected: _____
MCI: _____
Notice No. _____

DEP USE ONLY

I. General

Exploration Firm, Company, Agent or Individual

Name _____ () - _____
Phone

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Surface Mine Operator License Number _____

(Not required, if exploration is by drilling only or for underground mining.)

Period of Intended Exploration

From _____ / _____ / _____
MO DAY YEARTo: _____ / _____ / _____
MO DAY YEAR**Exploration for (type of mining)**☐ Surface Mining☐ Underground Mining☐ Coke Ash Removal☐ Metallic Slag Removal**Method of Exploration**☐ Drilling (Boreholes or Coreholes)☐ Test Pits/Trenches/Excavation

Type(s) of equipment to be used: ☐ Drill rig ☐ Backhoe ☐ Bulldozer ☐ Front end loader ☐ Blasting
☐ Other (list) _____

Application Fee

There is a fee required under 25 PA Code Chapter 77.106 for each request for permit waiver. Please refer to:
<https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Land/Mining/BureauofDistrictMining/Pages/Fees.aspx> for most current fee rates.

☐ Fee included.

Attach a 7½ minutes U.S.G.S. topographic map showing:

- the locations of each test pit or trench (include the approximate dimensions for pits/trenches/excavations) and the general location of test hole areas.
- the extent of the exploration area covered by this exploration notice.
- access roads to drill hole locations from existing roads.
- name(s) of landowner(s) of the exploration areas.

No exploration activities are allowed on restricted areas or barrier areas as defined under 25 Pa. Code Section 77.504 unless the waiver requirements of Section 77.504 are complied with. Will any of these areas be affected?

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, a waiver must be approved prior to exploration activities on these areas.

II. Testing

1. What is the purpose of testing at this site?

☐ Extent of Reserves☐ Geologic and Hydrologic Information☐ Resource Quality

2. If the minerals are going to be removed from the site, then please provide:

- name and address of laboratory or processing facility to conduct testing _____
- amount of noncoal material needed for testing purposes _____
- completed consent of landowner form (5600-FM-BMP0050) for each property _____

III. Performance and Design Standards

Describe the practices to be followed to protect the environment from adverse impacts in accordance with 25 Pa. Code 77.109 (regarding noncoal exploration performance and design standards) particularly: sealing of drill holes; erosion and sediment control; road development; regrading; topsoil handling; stabilization and vegetation; use of any facilities which are proposed for post exploration uses; habitats of unique value for fish, wildlife, and related environmental values; stream encroachments; hydrologic balance; and handling of acid forming material (when applicable). (If additional space is necessary to provide the requested information please attach additional sheets.) Thank You.

Signature of Responsible Official of the Applicant
(Corporate Officer/Partner/Manager/Principal)

Date

Instructions



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NONCOAL EXPLORATION REQUEST FOR PERMIT WAIVER INSTRUCTIONS

Any person who intends to conduct noncoal exploration by drilling only should use Form 5600-FM-BMP0151.

Any person who intends to conduct noncoal exploration activities in which noncoal minerals will be removed other than from boreholes or coreholes (i.e. test pit/trench/excavation) shall obtain a Noncoal Surface Mining Permit unless the Department grants a permit waiver to remove the minerals for the purpose of testing and analysis of resource properties. The Department may grant waivers to excavate test pits/trenches/excavations to obtain reasonable quantities (as necessary for testing) of noncoal minerals. The noncoal exploration activities shall not commence until either a permit or permit waiver is granted by the Department. Noncoal exploration activities must be conducted in accordance with 25 Pa. Code Section 77.109.

This form is a request for a waiver from the requirement to file a permit application. The exploration activities may not proceed until a written waiver is received from the Department. No waiver will be granted until a Consent of Landowner form is received by the Department for all properties on which exploration activities will occur.

Noncoal minerals removed under a Permit Waiver, must be used for testing and analysis of the mineral properties.

If the Notice is considered confidential, attach a cover sheet entitled "CONFIDENTIAL" and list the reason(s) why the notice should not be public information. The Department will determine if the notice is confidential after reviewing the information submitted. Information requested to be held as confidential will not be made available to the public until an opportunity to be heard is afforded to both persons seeking and opposing disclosure of the information. This form has been developed to provide for completeness and uniformity in the submission of information supporting the filing of a notice of intent to explore for noncoal or a request for a permit waiver for noncoal exploration. The notice must be filed with the Department prior to conducting the exploration activities.

One original and one copy of the notice (including the map) should be prepared and submitted to the appropriate District Office of the Department at least 30 days before exploration begins. All information requested on the exploration form must be provided. Incomplete notices will be returned for additional information.

Please check with local utility companies before commencing exploration.

Mail this form and the attachments to the appropriate office identified below.

DISTRICT OFFICE	COUNTIES SERVED
New Stanton District Office 131 Broadview Road New Stanton, PA 15672 Tel: 724-925-5500	Allegheny, Armstrong, Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Westmoreland
Knox District Office White Memorial Bldg. P.O. Box 669 Knox, PA 16232-0669 Tel: 814-797-1191	Beaver, Butler, Clarion, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Venango, and Warren
Cambria District Office 286 Industrial Park Road Ebensburg, PA 15931-4119 Tel: 814-472-1900	Adams, Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Cumberland, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Indiana, Juniata, Mifflin, Perry, and Somerset
Moshannon District Office 186 Enterprise Drive Phillipsburg, PA 16866 Tel: 814-342-8200	Bradford, Cameron, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Lycoming, Potter, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga, and Union
Pottsville District Office 5 West Laurel Blvd. Pottsville, PA 17901-2522 Tel: 570-621-3118	Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Columbia, Dauphin, Delaware, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Montgomery, Pike, Monroe, Montour, Northampton, Northumberland, Philadelphia, Schuylkill, Susquehanna, Wayne, Wyoming, and York