

## **GOVERNMENT FINANCED CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**

### **What is a Government Financed Construction Contract?**

A Government Financed Construction Contract (GFCC) is a contract between a reclamation contractor and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to reclaim abandoned mine lands.

Reclamation projects that involve coal removal as a necessary and incidental consequence of the reclamation may be exempt from the permitting requirements of the Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act.

In addition, placement of excess active mine site spoil on adjacent abandoned mine lands for reclamation may be allowable under a GFCC.

### **What are examples of types of projects that can be done through a GFCC?**

Examples of contractual reclamation activities that may qualify for incidental and necessary coal removal include the following:

- Coal refuse reclamation
- Water pollution abatement projects
- Elimination of unsafe highwalls
- Tipple reclamation
- Crop coal removal to facilitate reclamation
- Subsidence reclamation
- Sealing abandoned underground mine openings
- Stabilization of slides or slumps
- Other reclamation where incidental and necessary coal removal can be demonstrated

### **What are the site eligibility requirements?**

A special authorization for the extraction of coal or removal of coal refuse may be granted under a GFCC if an eligible person demonstrates at a minimum that:

- The primary purpose of the operation to be undertaken is the reclamation of abandoned mine lands
- The extraction of coal will be incidental and necessary, or the removal of coal refuse will be required, to accomplish the reclamation of abandoned mine lands pursuant to a GFCC
- Incidental and necessary coal extraction or coal refuse removal will be confined to the project area being reclaimed

For more information, refer to the DEP's GFCC technical guidance document (563-2000-001).

### **Who do I contact to apply for a GFCC or to get information on the program?**

Any interested party may contact the local district mining office for proposal forms and information necessary to apply for a GFCC. District mining offices in Cambria, New Stanton, Moshannon, Knox, and Pottsville process GFCCs. Further contact information regarding these and the other DEP offices associated with mining and reclamation issues is on the reverse side of this fact sheet.

Contact the following DEP office for information about mining and reclamation or abandoned mine land issues:

**Active & Abandoned Mine Operations**

**Central Office**

Rachel Carson State Office Building  
P.O. Box 2063  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2063  
Telephone: 717-783-5338

**Bureau of Mining Programs**

Rachel Carson State Office Building  
P.O. Box 8461  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8461  
Telephone: 717-787-5103

**Bureau of District Mining Operations**

**District Headquarters**

New Stanton District Office  
P.O. Box 133  
New Stanton, PA 15672  
Telephone: 724-925-5500

**Pottsville District Mining Office**

5 W. Laurel Blvd.  
Pottsville, PA 17901-2522  
Telephone: 570-621-3118

**Counties Served:** Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Columbia, Dauphin, Delaware, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe, Montgomery, Montour, Northampton, Northumberland, Philadelphia, Pike, Schuylkill, Susquehanna, Wayne, Wyoming, and York

**Moshannon District Mining Office**

186 Enterprise Drive  
Philipsburg, PA 16866  
Telephone: 814-342-8200

**Counties Served:** Bradford, Cameron, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Lycoming, Potter, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga, and Union

**Knox District Mining Office**

White Memorial Building  
P.O. Box 669  
Knox, PA 16232-0669  
Telephone: 814-797-1191

**Counties Served:** Beaver, Butler, Clarion, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Venango, and Warren

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov).

**Cambria District Mining Office**

286 Industrial Park Road  
Ebensburg, PA 15931  
Telephone: 814-472-1900

**Counties Served:** Adams, Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Cumberland, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Indiana, Juniata, Mifflin, Perry, and Somerset

**New Stanton District Mining Office**

P.O. Box 133  
New Stanton, PA 15672  
Telephone: 724-925-5500

**Counties Served:** Allegheny, Armstrong, Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Westmoreland

**California District Mining Office**

25 Technology Drive  
California Technology Park  
Coal Center, PA 15423  
Telephone: 724-769-1100

**Counties Served:** All counties with underground bituminous mining and subsidence

**Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation**

**Central Office**

Rachel Carson State Office Building  
P.O. Box 69205  
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9205  
Telephone: 717-783-2267

**Wilkes-Barre District Office**

2 Public Square  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701-1915  
Telephone: 570-826-2371  
Counties Served: All anthracite counties

**Cambria District Office**

286 Industrial Park Road  
Ebensburg, PA 15931  
Telephone: 814-472-1800  
Counties Served: All bituminous counties