

## 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 can be found at

<https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Land/Mining/BureauofDistrictMining/Pages/default.aspx>

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