

Agenda item #11 - Non-Metallic Mining Program

2020 Year End Financials:

Total Fees Rec'd	minus DNR Fees	equals Department Funding
\$14,080.00	- \$2,360.00	= \$11,720.00

Total Financial Assurances Held ~\$1.7 million

- ◆ **Program is funded:** by annual permit fee collection with a goal in remaining county tax levy neutral. Fees are assessed on only those areas in the reclamation plan that have been, or are being, affected by mining activities and are not reclaimed.
- ◆ **Operator must establish Financial Assurance:** to allow reclamation if permittee is not able to do so. The monetary amount is an estimate of reclamation costs at any given time during the life of the mine.

Permitting Summary for 2021

Mine Permit Size

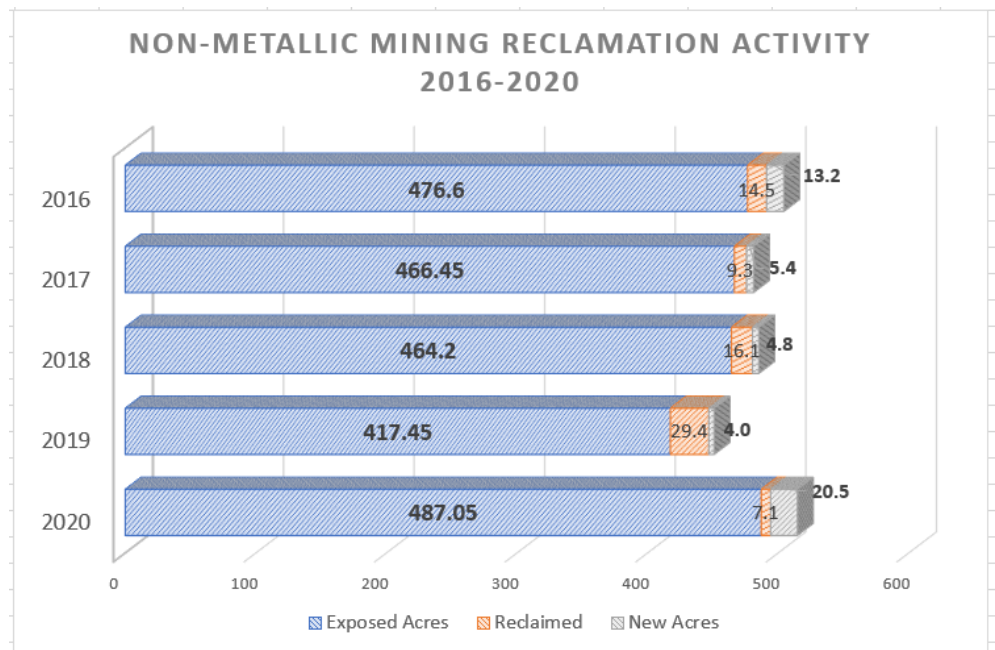
by acre #of Permits

1 to 5 acres	4
6 to 10 acres	4
11 to 15 acres	5
16 to 25 acres	3
26 to 50 acres	2
51 acres or larger	4
Total	22
Inactive	1
Exempt	5
Revoked/Suspended	2

- ◆ **Require a reclamation permit:** for all sites with exception of sites meeting the conditions for an exemption.
- ◆ **Permits based on a reclamation plan:** or “blue print” describing necessary steps to achieve a specified end land-use. To include but not limited to topsoil storage & final placement; slopes; and planned vegetation types.
- ◆ **Plan approval:** based on reclamation performance standards rather than a one size fits all prescriptive standards. Allows for variety of land-uses and cost containment when reclaiming the site.
- ◆ **Certificate of Completion:** release of operator permit obligations when standards of the individual plan are field verified/quantified & documented.
- ◆ **DNR's Role:** program oversight & audits; administration consistency through-out the state; education, training & technical assistance; dispute resolution & administrative opinions.

Operator Reported Activity on the Ground 2016 to Present

The graph shows to the right, a consistent over all exposed acreage from year to year with some fluctuations in new acres and those being fully reclaimed. What the graph doesn't show is the interim reclaimed acreage that is reported annually.



For post meeting questions or follow-up you may contact:

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