



2025



SMALL MINER EXCLUSION STATEMENT (SMES) ANNUAL REPORT AND RENEWAL FORM

1. SMES #: _____ - _____
(one renewal form is required for each SMES)

Return via mail to: DEQ Hard Rock Bureau
P.O. Box 200901
Helena, MT 59620

Return Electronically: DEQSMESandExploration@mt.gov
Questions? (406) 444-3920

2. SMES Holder Contact Information:

Company Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Contact Name: _____ E-mail: _____
Address: _____
City: _____, MT Zip: _____

3. Site Coordinates (decimal degrees only): Latitude: _____ Longitude: - _____
Example: 46.58752 -112.01320
Project or Site Name: _____ County: _____

4. Landowner Information (check all that apply):

☐ Private* ☐ US Forest Service ☐ Bureau of Land Management ☐ DNRC

**If private, please complete the following:*

Private Landowner Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Landowner E-mail: _____

5. Mining Method: (check all that apply):

☐ Placer/Dredge ☐ Trenching ☐ Drilling ☐ Underground
☐ Open-pit ☐ Other (describe): _____

6. SMES Site Activity Report: Please describe any mining and/or reclamation activity that occurred during the past calendar year. What is your estimate of present total acreage of disturbance? (*This calculation includes excavations, waste piles, stockpiles, ponds, roads, laydown area, etc.*)

7. Estimated Surface Disturbance (Acres): _____

8. Please be advised that:

The operator hereby authorizes the Employees and Inspectors of DEQ, at reasonable times and upon presentation of appropriate credentials, to enter upon and have access to, any and all lands covered by this permit exclusion and to inspect or monitor any activities associated with the operation and permit exclusion.

SMES Holder Signature

Date

**** I understand that my authority to mine will commence upon DEQ's receipt of this form and will expire on December 31, 2025 and may be renewed upon expiration. ****

The Montana Metal Mine Reclamation Act, Section 82-4-305(1) Montana Code Annotated (MCA), requires holders of Small Miner Exclusion Statements (SMES) to **annually** agree in writing:

AGREEMENT

The undersigned person, firm, or corporation, states and agrees that they (it), in consideration for their (its) exemption from the permit and license requirements of Part 3, Chapter 4, Title 82, Montana Code Annotated (MCA):

1. that the small miner will not pollute or contaminate any stream;
2. that the small miner will provide protection for human and animal life through the installation of bulkheads installed over safety collars and the installation of doors on tunnel portals;
3. that the small miner will provide a map locating their mining operations. Such map shall be to a size and scale as determined by the department;
4. if the small miner's operations are placer or dredge mining, that the small miner shall salvage and protect all soil materials for use in reclamation of that site and shall reclaim all land disturbed by the operations to comparable utility and stability as that of adjacent areas; and

For small-miner exemptions obtained after September 30, 1985.

Further, the undersigned hereby certifies as follows:

1. If the small miner is a natural person, that:
 - (i) No business association or partnership of which he is a member or partner has a small-miner exemption; and
 - (ii) No corporation of which he is an officer, director, or owner of record of 25% or more of any class of voting stock has a small-miner exemption; or
2. If the small miner is a partnership or business association, that:
 - (i) None of the associates or partners holds a small-miner exemption; and
 - (ii) None of the associates or partners is an officer, director, or owner of 25% or more of any class of voting stock of a corporation that has a small-miner exemption; or
3. If the small miner is a corporation, that no officer, director or owner of record of 25% or more of any class of voting stock of the corporation:
 - (i) Holds a small-miner exemption;
 - (ii) Is a member or partner in a business association or partnership that holds a small-miner exemption;
 - (iii) Is an officer, director or owner of record of 25% or more of any class of voting stock of another corporation that holds a small-miner exemption.

SMES Holder Signature

Date

Address

Title

City/State/Zip

Phone Number