

Summary of NR135 Reclamation Ordinance

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Ordinance Overview

A non-metallic mining reclamation ordinance was adopted by Chippewa County in 2001, as required by state law. The purpose of the ordinance is to protect property values and the tax base, reduce safety hazards and protect natural resources. The ordinance requires that non-metallic mines be systematically reclaimed as part of ongoing operations. Reclamation standards, reclamation plan requirements, and financial assurance requirements are part of the ordinance.

The Reclamation Standards:

- Avoid impacts to water resources
- Strip and store topsoil and subsoil
- Grade slopes after mining
- Re-apply topsoil and subsoil
- Re-vegetate the site

Reclamation Plan Components:

- Initial Site Information
- Site Operations Details
- Final Site Reclamation Details

Financial Assurance

Mine operators are required to provide a bond or letter of credit to assure that funds are available for the county to complete reclamation and other permit activities in the event that the operator does not complete these activities.