

**4410.7900 DEFINITIONS.**

Subpart 1. **Scope.** The definitions in Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.71, apply to parts 4410.7900 to 4410.7934, and for the purposes of those parts, the following terms have the meanings given them.

Subp. 2. **Affected landowner.** "Affected landowner" means a person who owns or leases property within the right-of-way of the investigative activities.

Subp. 3. **Agent.** "Agent" means a responsible person who will act as a contact person on behalf of the applicant or permittee.

Subp. 4. **Applicant.** "Applicant" means any person who applies to the board for a drilling permit.

Subp. 5. **Data.** "Data" means any factual measurements, statistics, or information obtained from the investigative activities.

Subp. 6. **Drilling permit.** "Drilling permit" means the written document issued by the board authorizing and outlining the rights and responsibilities of the permittee.

Subp. 7. **Investigative activities.** "Investigative activities" means the actions, whether in the laboratory or in the field, including visual inspection, mapping, surveying, photography, drilling, surface excavations, in situ testing, and all other research undertaken to establish the geologic and hydrologic condition and ranges of the parameters relevant to drilling in a potentially impacted area.

Subp. 8. **Permanent abandonment.** "Permanent abandonment" means the act of permanently sealing a drill hole for the purpose of permanently discontinuing the active and operational use of the drill hole.

Subp. 9. **Permittee.** "Permittee" means any person to whom a drilling permit is issued.

Subp. 10. **Right-of-way.** "Right-of-way" means the interest in real property used or proposed to be used around each drill hole and/or to obtain access to and from that drill hole.

Subp. 11. **Shelterbelt.** "Shelterbelt" means the barrier zone of grasses, shrubs, and trees, or any combination of them, planted to protect crops, soil, and other sensitive areas against erosion.

Subp. 12. **Split.** "Split" means a division of a core sample parallel to the axis of the core sample.

Subp. 13. **Surface water.** "Surface water" means water systems on the surface of the earth, including permanent lakes, streams and wetlands, intermittent streams, periodic wetlands and their respective watercourse beds, and wetland basins.

Subp. 14. **Temporary abandonment.** "Temporary abandonment" means the act of sealing, capping, or protecting a drill hole for the purpose of temporarily discontinuing use of the drill hole for a period of not more than five years.

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