

**6125.0400 LEASES.**

The commissioner, with the approval of the state Executive Council, may issue leases to explore for, mine, and remove metallic minerals on lands where an interest in the minerals is owned by the state, including trust fund lands, land forfeited for nonpayment of taxes and held in trust by the state, lands where severed mineral interests have forfeited under Minnesota Statutes, section 93.55, lands where severed mineral interests have been otherwise acquired, lands where severed mineral interests may be leased by the commissioner under Minnesota Statutes, section 93.55, subdivisions 1a and 3, the beds of public waters, and lands otherwise acquired that have been designated by the commissioner as mining units. Each lease shall cover one mining unit. No lease shall be issued for a term longer than 50 years.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 93.08 to 93.12; 93.25*

**History:** *12 SR 2512; 19 SR 2434*

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