

## CHAPTER 93

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### NATURAL RESOURCES

#### 93.001 POLICY FOR MINERAL DEVELOPMENT.

It is the policy of the state to provide for the diversification of the state's mineral economy through long-term support of mineral exploration, evaluation, development, production, and commercialization.

*History: 1987 c 386 art 7 s 1*

#### 93.002 MINERAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE.

**Subdivision 1. Establishment.** The mineral coordinating committee is established to plan for diversified mineral development. The mineral coordinating committee consists of the director of the minerals division of the department of natural resources, the director of the Minnesota geological survey, the director of the University of Minnesota mineral resources research center, and the director of the natural resources research institute. The director of the minerals division of the department of natural resources shall serve as chair. A member of the committee may designate another person of the member's organization to act in the member's place. The commissioner of natural resources shall provide staff and administrative services necessary for the committee's activities.

**Subd. 2. Mineral diversification plan.** The mineral coordinating committee shall prepare and adopt a ten-year plan for mineral diversification. The plan must include a strategy to:

- (1) increase the knowledge of the state's mineral potential;
- (2) stimulate the development of mineral resources in the state; and
- (3) promote basic minerals research.

The plan must also include a two-year plan that establishes funding priorities for the minerals programs under subdivision 3. The funding priorities must be updated every two years.

**Subd. 3. Minerals programs.** The mineral diversification plan must address at least the following: aeromagnetic surveys, glacial till geochemistry surveys, geologic drilling and mapping, LMIC minerals data base, drill core examination and assay, industrial minerals characterization and research, bedrock geochemistry, nonferrous minerals research, reclamation studies, economic evaluation of mineral resources, improved geophysical and remote sensing base, acquisition of sampling equipment and analyses, determination of mineral rights ownership, ferrous minerals research, evaluation of mineral resource occurrence, evaluation of value added processes, ore deposit modeling, and basic mineral research.

**Subd. 4. Submission of plan and funding priorities.** (a) The minerals coordinating committee shall submit the minerals diversification plan to the legislature by December 31, 1987.

(b) By January 15 of each odd-numbered year, the minerals coordinating committee shall submit the two-year funding priority plan required under subdivision 2 to the chairs of the house appropriations and environment and natural resources committees and the chairs of the senate finance and environment and natural resources committees.

*History: 1987 c 386 art 7 s 2*

**93.221 MINERAL LEASE ACCOUNT.**

The mineral lease account is created as an account in the state treasury for disposal of certain mineral lease money. Interest accruing from investment of the account remains with the account. Money in the mineral lease account is appropriated to the commissioner of natural resources for mineral diversification.

**History:** 1987 c 404 s 115

**93.335 STATE LANDS, MINERALS, MINERAL RIGHTS ACQUIRED UNDER TAX LAWS.**

*[For text of subds 1 to 3, see M.S.1986]*

**Subd. 4. Rental and royalties, annual distribution; appropriation.** If the lands or minerals and mineral rights covered by any such permit or lease are held by the state in trust for the taxing districts, the rentals and royalties paid under any such permit or lease shall be distributed annually by the commissioner of finance on the first day of September as follows: 20 percent to the mineral lease account established in the state treasury under section 93.221, and 80 percent to the respective counties in which the lands lie, to be apportioned among the taxing districts interested therein as follows: county, three-ninths; town, or city, two-ninths; and school district, four-ninths.

There is hereby appropriated from such moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated to such persons or political subdivisions as are entitled to payment herein, an amount sufficient to make the payment.

*[For text of subd 5, see M.S.1986]*

**History:** 1987 c 404 s 116