

NOTICE OF PRE-RULEMAKING WORKSHOP
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF RECLAMATION PLAN AND
FINANCIAL ASSURANCE COST ESTIMATE (FACE) APPEALS REGULATIONS

February 23, 2017

The State Mining and Geology Board (SMGB) will be holding a pre-rulemaking workshop to discuss the development and update of regulations associated with Reclamation Plan and FACE appeals. Most notably, Section 2770 of the Public Resources Code, as amended by Assembly Bill 1142, signed into law on April 18th, 2016 by Governor Brown, gives the Director of the Division of Mine Reclamation the right to appeal a lead agency's approval of a FACE. The workshop is part of an informal pre-rulemaking process for developing regulations with input from the public and stakeholders. Additionally, the comment period associated with the previous Reclamation Plan and FACE appeals pre-rulemaking workshop has been extended to coincide with this comment period. The SMGB will accept written comments on the informal pre-rulemaking workshops until March 20, 2017 at 5:00 pm. Discussion questions for the workshop can be found on the SMGB's website.

Workshop date and location:

March 9, 2017 – 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

California Tower
3737 Main Street, Room 205
Riverside, California 92501

The agenda for the workshop is as follows:

8:30: Introduction

8:40: Brief presentation on Reclamation Plan and FACE appeals

9:00: Reclamation Plan and FACE appeals discussion

Reclamation Plan and FACE appeals regulations, to be developed following the workshop, will be available for public comment during the 45-day public review period provided by the formal rulemaking process. The SMGB will send a notice of a proposed action to the public and stakeholders at the beginning of the formal rulemaking period.

Written submissions may be provided to the SMGB by regular mail or email at:

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