

HB 1104 -- Mining Permits

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This bill requires a new application for a mining permit to be filed when an operator wants to amend an application and the Land Reclamation Commission within the Department of Natural Resources determines that the original application was complete. Permit applications may only be issued after an on-site inspection of the mine is conducted by the department director, or his or her designee, and a public meeting is held allowing public comment on the permit request. Notice of the public meeting must be published in a newspaper or posted in other locations as specified in the bill. A notice of intent to operate a surface mine must also be sent by certified mail to the last known address of all landowners of record within 500 yards of the proposed mine plan area instead of just the landowners of contiguous or adjacent property to the proposed area.