

§490-H. Enforcement and penalties

Except as provided in section 490-I, the department shall administer and enforce the provisions of this article. [PL 1993, c. 350, §5 (NEW).]

1. Stop-work order. The regulator may order the owner or operator that is not operating in compliance with this article to cease operations until the noncompliance is corrected. [PL 1995, c. 700, §28 (AMD).]

2. Penalty. A person who violates the provisions of this article commits a civil violation and is subject to the penalties established under section 349. Penalties assessed for enforcement actions taken by the State are payable to the State and penalties assessed for enforcement actions taken by a municipality registered under section 490-I are payable to that municipality. For any action brought by a municipality under this article in which the municipality prevails, the court may require the owner or operator to reimburse the municipality for costs associated with that enforcement action. [PL 1993, c. 350, §5 (NEW).]

3. Reclamation. If, after an opportunity for a hearing, the commissioner determines that the owner of an excavation site or the person who was engaged in the excavation activity at the excavation site has violated this article, the commissioner shall direct the department staff or contractors under the supervision of the commissioner to enter on the property and carry out the necessary reclamation. The person engaged in mining or any affiliated person who guarantees performance at the excavation site is liable for the reasonable expenses of the necessary reclamation. The commissioner may use the bond or other security to meet the reasonable expenses of reclamation. [PL 1995, c. 700, §29 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1993, c. 350, §5 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 700, §§28,29 (AMD).

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