

NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 451 of 1994

SUBPART 3
PERMITS

324.63514 Conduct of surface coal mining operation without permit.

Sec. 63514. A person shall not conduct a surface coal mining operation in this state except as authorized by a permit issued by the department pursuant to part 13.

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324.63515 Term of permits; continuation of plan by successor in interest; termination of permit; extensions of time to commence operations; conditions.

Sec. 63515. (1) Permits issued pursuant to this part are for a term not to exceed 3 years, except that if the applicant demonstrates that a specified longer term is reasonably needed to allow the applicant to obtain necessary financing for equipment and to open the operation, and if the application is full and complete for the specified longer term, the department may grant a permit for that longer term. A successor in interest to a permittee who applies for a new permit within 30 days of succeeding to that interest and who is able to obtain the same bond coverage pursuant to subpart 5 as the original permittee may continue the surface coal mining and reclamation plan of the original permittee until the successor's application is granted or denied.

(2) A permit shall terminate if the permittee has not commenced the surface coal mining operation covered by the permit within 2 years after commencement of the period for which the permit is issued. However, upon application by the permittee, the department may grant reasonable extensions of time, not to exceed 6 months each, to commence a surface coal mining operation if the permittee demonstrates either of the following:

(a) The extension is necessary because the commencement of the operation has been enjoined by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(b) The extension is necessary because of conditions beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the permittee.

For a coal lease issued under chapter 85, 41 Stat. 437, 30 U.S.C. 181 to 184, 185 to 188, 189 to 191, 192, 193, 195, 201, 202 to 203, 205 to 208-2, 209, 211 to 214, 223, 224 to 226, 226-2 to 226-3, 228 to 229a, 241, 251, and 261 to 263, commonly known as the mineral lands leasing act of 1920, the department shall not grant extensions of time that extend beyond the period allowed for diligent development under section 7 of chapter 85, 41 Stat. 439, commonly known as the mineral lands leasing act of 1920, 30 U.S.C. 207.

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324.63516 Permit application; contents; submission of certificate of public liability insurance policy to department; policy provisions; maintenance of policy in full force and effect.

Sec. 63516. (1) The permit application shall be submitted to the department and shall contain all of the following:

(a) The names and addresses of the following persons:

(i) The applicant.

(ii) All legal owners of record of the property, surface or mineral, to be mined.

(iii) The holders of record of any leasehold interest in the property to be mined.

(iv) The purchasers of record under a land contract of the property to be mined.

(v) The operator if the operator is a person other than the applicant.

(vi) If the applicant is a partnership, corporation, association, or other business entity, the following where applicable: the names and addresses of every officer, partner, director, or person performing a function similar to a director, of the applicant; the name and address of any person owning of record 10% or more of any class of voting stock of the applicant; and a list of all names under which the applicant, partner, or principal shareholder previously operated a surface mining operation within the United States within the 5-year period preceding the date of submission of the application.

(b) The names and addresses of the owners of record of all surface and subsurface areas adjacent to the permit area.

(c) A statement of any current or previous surface coal mining permits held by the applicant including

permit identification, and any pending application.

(d) Information concerning ownership and management of the applicant or operator required by the department by rule.

(e) A statement of whether the applicant or any subsidiary, affiliate, or other person controlled by or under common control with the applicant has ever held a federal, state, or local mining permit which in the 5-year period prior to the date of submission of the application has been suspended or revoked or whether that person has had a mining bond or similar security deposited in lieu of bond forfeited and, if so, a brief explanation of the facts involved.

(f) A copy of an advertisement to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality of the proposed site for 4 consecutive weeks, that indicates the ownership and a description of the location and boundaries of the proposed site sufficiently so that the proposed operation may be readily located, and a statement that the application is available for public inspection at the office of the county clerk of each county in which the proposed permit area is located.

(g) A description of the type and method of coal mining operation that exists or is proposed, the engineering techniques proposed or used, and the equipment used or proposed to be used in the mining operation.

(h) The anticipated or actual starting and termination dates of each phase of the mining operation and the number of acres of land to be affected by each phase of the mining operation.

(i) An accurate map or plan, to scale determined by the department by rule, filed by the applicant with the department clearly showing the land to be affected as of the date of the application, the area of land within the permit area on which the applicant has the legal right to enter and commence surface mining operations, and those documents on which the applicant bases his or her legal right to enter and commence surface mining operations on the area affected, and whether that right is the subject of pending court litigation.

(j) Identification of the watershed and location of the surface streams, tributaries, groundwaters, and county and intercounty drains into which surface, pit drainage, or other waters from the mining operation will be discharged.

(k) A determination of the probable hydrologic consequences of the mining and reclamation operation, if any, both on and off the mine site, with respect to the hydrologic regime; quantity and quality of water in surface and groundwater systems, including the dissolved and suspended solids under seasonal flow conditions; and the collection of sufficient data for the mine site and surrounding areas so that an assessment can be made by the department of the probable cumulative impacts of all anticipated mining in the area on the hydrology of the area and particularly on water availability. However, the determination of hydrologic consequences is not required until existing hydrologic information regarding the general area prior to mining is made available from the appropriate federal or state agency, except that the permit shall not be approved until the information is available and is incorporated into the permit application.

(l) The climatological factors that are peculiar to the locality of the land to be affected, including the average seasonal precipitation, average direction and velocity of prevailing winds, and seasonal temperature ranges.

(m) A statement of the result of test borings or core samplings from the proposed permit area, including logs of the drill holes; the thickness of the coal seam found, and an analysis of the chemical properties of the coal; the sulfur content of any coal seam; a chemical analysis of any potentially acid or toxic-forming sections of the overburden; and a chemical analysis of the stratum lying immediately underneath the coal to be mined. The provisions of this subdivision may be waived by the department with respect to any particular application by a written determination by the department that the information is unnecessary.

(n) A soil survey made or obtained according to standards established by the department of agriculture in order to confirm the exact location of agricultural land, if any, within the proposed permit area. The soil survey shall include the exact location of agricultural land enrolled under part 361.

(o) Accurate maps to scale determined by the department by rule clearly showing both of the following:

(i) The land to be affected as of the date of application.

(ii) All types of information set forth on topographical maps of the United States geological survey of a scale of 1:24,000 or 1:25,000 or larger, including all human-made features and significant known archeological sites existing on the date of application.

The map or plan shall, among other things specified by the department, show all boundaries of the land to be affected, the boundary lines and names of present owners of record of all surface areas adjacent to the permit area, and the location of all buildings within 1,000 feet of the permit area.

(p) Cross-section maps or plans of the land to be affected to a scale determined by the department by rule, including the actual area to be mined, prepared by or under the direction of and certified by a qualified registered professional engineer, or professional geologist with assistance from experts in related fields such

as land surveying and landscape architecture, showing pertinent elevation and location of test borings or core samplings and depicting the following information: the nature and depth of the various strata of overburden; the location of subsurface water, if encountered, and its quality; the nature and thickness of any coal or rider seam above the coal seam to be mined; the nature of the stratum immediately beneath the coal seam to be mined; all mineral crop lines and the strike and dip of the coal to be mined, within the area of land to be affected; existing or previous surface mining limits; the location and extent of any underground mines, including mine openings to the surface; the location of aquifers; the estimated elevation of the water table; the location of spoil, waste, or refuse areas and topsoil preservation areas; the location of all impoundments for waste or erosion control; any settling or water treatment facility; constructed or natural drainways and the location of any discharges to any surface body of water on the area of land to be affected or adjacent thereto; profiles at appropriate cross-sections of the anticipated final surface configuration that will be achieved pursuant to the operator's proposed reclamation plan; and other information required by the department by rule that is consistent with the purposes of this part.

(q) A reclamation plan that meets the requirements of this part and the requirements of the zoning ordinances enacted by a local unit of government.

(r) A determination of the impact on historic preservation concerns including all of the following:

(i) A statement of available information on whether the proposed permit area is within an area designated unsuitable for surface mining activities due to the potential effect of mining on historic resources or whether the area is under study for a designation of unsuitability in an administrative proceeding.

(ii) A description of the historic resources located within the proposed permit area and adjacent areas. The description shall be based on available information, including data in the possession of state and local archeological, historical, and cultural preservation agencies.

(iii) A map showing the boundaries of each historic resource within the permit area and adjacent areas.

(iv) An evaluation of the potential adverse effect that the proposed surface mining operation will have on historic resources within the proposed permit area and adjacent areas.

(v) A statement indicating whether there are feasible and prudent alternatives to the potential adverse effects on historic resources.

(vi) A statement of the measures proposed to prevent, minimize, or mitigate potential adverse effects upon historic resources located within the proposed permit area, including a proposal for recording or salvaging the resources if adverse effects cannot be avoided.

The determination required by this subdivision shall include the name, address, and employment position of each person that the applicant consulted in collecting information on historic resources.

(s) An agricultural impact statement that includes all the following:

(i) The location and boundaries of the proposed mining operation.

(ii) The number of acres to be affected by the proposed mining operation.

(iii) The nature and type of agricultural operations to be affected by the proposed mining operation.

(iv) The nature and extent of the effect of the proposed mining operation on the agricultural operations, including the number and types of buildings and other facilities that will be affected by the mining operation.

(v) The anticipated future effect of the proposed mining operation on adjacent agricultural land that will not be immediately affected by the proposed mining operation.

(vi) The anticipated amount of time, in years and months, during which the area affected by the proposed mining operation will be unsuitable for normal agricultural production.

(vii) The anticipated amount of time, in years and months, required to restore the area affected by the proposed mining operation to the level of productivity it had before it was affected by the mining operation.

(viii) The impact of the proposed mining operation on agriculture generally.

(t) Other data and maps as the department may require by rule that are consistent with the purposes of this part.

(2) An applicant for a surface mining and reclamation permit shall submit to the department as part of its application a certificate issued by an insurance company authorized to do business in this state certifying that the applicant has a public liability insurance policy in force for the surface mining and reclamation operations for which the permit is sought. The policy shall provide for personal injury and property damage protection consistent with the standards established in section 63528 in an amount adequate to compensate any persons damaged as a result of surface coal mining and reclamation operations, including the use of explosives, and entitled to compensation under the applicable provisions of state law. The policy shall be maintained in full force and effect during the terms of the permit or any renewal, including the length of all reclamation operations.

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324.63517 Renewal of permit.

Sec. 63517. (1) A permit issued pursuant to this part includes the right of successive renewal on expiration with respect to areas within the boundaries of the existing permit. The permittee may apply for renewal and except as provided in subsection (2) the renewal shall be issued.

(2) A permit shall not be renewed if, after a hearing conducted pursuant to section 63523, it is established and the department makes written findings that any of the following conditions exist:

(a) The terms and conditions of the existing permit are not being satisfactorily met by the permittee.

(b) The present surface coal mining and reclamation operation is not in compliance with the environmental protection standards of this part and the approved state plan or federal program pursuant to the surface coal mining and reclamation act of 1977.

(c) The renewal requested substantially jeopardizes the operator's continuing responsibility for reclamation established under this part on existing permit areas.

(d) The operator has not provided evidence that the performance bond in effect for the operation or any additional bond the department might require pursuant to section 63529 will continue in full force and effect for the renewal requested in the application.

(e) Additional revised or updated information required by the department by rule has not been provided by the permittee.

(3) Before the renewal of a permit, the department shall provide notice to the appropriate persons, local units of government, and interested parties.

(4) If an application for renewal of an existing permit includes a proposal to extend the mining operation beyond the boundaries authorized in the existing permit, the portion of the application that addresses new land areas is subject to the full standards applicable to a new application under this part.

(5) A permit renewal shall be for a term not to exceed the period of the existing permit established by this part. Application for permit renewal shall be made at least 120 days before the expiration of the existing permit.

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324.63518 Reclamation plan; contents.

Sec. 63518. The reclamation plan required to be submitted pursuant to this part as part of a permit application shall include details necessary to demonstrate that reclamation required by this part can be accomplished, and shall include all of the following:

(a) Identification of land subject to the surface coal mining operation over the estimated life of that operation and the size, sequence, and timing of any subareas for which it is anticipated that individual permits for surface coal mining will be sought.

(b) The condition of the land to be covered by the permit prior to any surface coal mining, including:

(i) The uses existing at the time of the application and, if the land has a history of previous mining, the uses that preceded any mining.

(ii) The capability of the land, prior to any surface coal mining, to support a variety of uses, giving consideration to soil and foundation characteristics, topography, and vegetative cover and, if applicable, a soil survey prepared pursuant to section 63516(1)(n).

(iii) The productivity of the land prior to mining, based on the average yield of food, fiber, forage, or wood products consistent with productivity of similar lands in this state under best management practices.

(c) The use proposed to be made of the land following reclamation, including a discussion of the utility and capacity of the reclaimed land to support a variety of alternative uses and the relationship of those uses to applicable land use policies and plans. However, if the use made of the land before mining is agricultural and the use proposed to be made of the land following reclamation is other than that agricultural use, the permit shall not be approved by the department without the approval of the legislative body of each local unit of government in which land to be reclaimed is located.

(d) A detailed description of how the proposed postmining land use is to be achieved and the necessary support activities that may be needed to achieve that use.

(e) The engineering techniques proposed to be used in mining and reclamation and a description of the major equipment to be used. A plan for the control of surface water drainage and of water accumulation; a plan, if appropriate, for backfilling, soil stabilization and compacting, grading, and appropriate revegetation;

and a plan for soil reconstruction, replacement, and stabilization, pursuant to the performance standards in section 63527(2)(g) for food, forage, and forest land identified in that section, and an estimate of the cost per acre of the reclamation, including a statement as to how the permittee plans to comply with each of the requirements set out in that section.

(f) The actions to be taken to maximize the utilization and conservation of the solid fuel resource being recovered so that mining and any activities related to mining of the land in the future can be minimized.

(g) An estimated timetable for the accomplishment of each major step in the reclamation plan.

(h) The actions to be taken to make the surface mining and reclamation operations consistent with surface owner plans and applicable land use plans and programs of local units of government.

(i) The actions to be taken to comply with applicable air and water quality laws of this state or the United States, rules and regulations of this state or the United States, or local ordinances and with applicable health and safety standards.

(j) The action to be taken to develop the reclamation plan in a manner consistent with local physical, environmental, and climatological conditions.

(k) The results of test borings that the applicant has made at the proposed permit area or other equivalent information and data in a form satisfactory to the department, including the location of subsurface water, and an analysis of those chemical properties of the coal and overburden that can be expected to have an adverse effect on the environment.

(l) An itemized list of land, interests in land, or options on those interests held by the applicant or pending bids by the applicant on interests in land adjacent to the proposed permit area.

(m) A detailed description of the actions to be taken during the mining and reclamation process to assure the protection of all of the following:

(i) The quality of surface and groundwater systems, both on-site and off-site, from adverse effects of the mining and reclamation process and the rights of present users to that water.

(ii) The quantity of surface and groundwater systems, both on-site and off-site, from adverse effects of the mining and reclamation process or to provide alternative sources of water where the protection of quantity cannot be assured.

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324.63519 Blasting plan; submission by permit applicant.

Sec. 63519. Each applicant for a surface coal mining and reclamation permit shall submit to the department as a part of its application a blasting plan that outlines the procedures and standards by which the operator will meet the requirements of section 63527(2)(o).

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324.63520 Filing copy of application with county and township clerks; exception; information obtained by department available to public with county clerk; confidentiality.

Sec. 63520. (1) An applicant for a surface coal mining and reclamation permit shall file a copy of the application with the county clerk of each county in which the mining is proposed to occur and with the township clerk of each township in which the mining is proposed to occur, except for that information in the application pertaining to the coal seam.

(2) Except when confidentiality is provided for in this part, a record, report, inspection materials, or other information obtained by the department shall be available to the public with the county clerk of each county in which the mining is proposed to occur. The department shall transmit a record, report, inspection material, or other information to each county clerk within 10 days after it is received by the department.

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324.63521 Application fee.

Sec. 63521. An application for a surface coal mining and reclamation permit shall be accompanied by an initial application fee. The initial application fee is \$100.00.

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324.63522 Determination of probable hydrologic consequences and statement of boring or sampling results; performance; cost.

Sec. 63522. If the department finds that the probable total annual production at all locations of a surface coal mining operator will not exceed 100,000 tons, the determination of probable hydrologic consequences and statement of the results of test borings or core samplings required by section 63516, on the written request of the operator, shall be performed by a qualified governmental agency or private consultant designated by the department, and the cost of the preparation of the determination and statement shall be assumed by the department.

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324.63523 Application for permit or renewal; advertisement of ownership, location, and boundaries of land affected; notification of local units of government; written comments; notice to department of history, arts, and libraries; determination; filing objections to proposed application for permit; request for hearing; action by department.

Sec. 63523. (1) When an application for a surface coal mining and reclamation permit or renewal of an existing permit is submitted, the applicant's advertisement of ownership, location, and boundaries of the land to be affected shall be placed in a local newspaper of general circulation in the locality of the proposed surface coal mining operation for 4 consecutive weeks. The department shall notify local units of government in the vicinity of the proposed mining and reclamation area of the operator's intention to conduct a surface mining operation indicating the application's number and the county courthouse or township office in which a copy of the proposed surface coal mining and reclamation plan may be inspected. A local unit of government may submit written comments within a period established by the department on the mining applications with respect to the effect of the operation proposed by the applicant on the environment that is within its area of responsibility. The comments shall immediately be transmitted to the applicant by the department and shall be made available to the public at the same location as the mining application.

(2) In addition to the notice required in subsection (1), the department shall notify the department of history, arts, and libraries of the operator's intention to conduct a surface mining operation and shall provide the department of history, arts, and libraries with a copy of the permit application. Based on the information required pursuant to section 63516(1)(r), the department of history, arts, and libraries shall determine whether or not the proposed surface mining operation will adversely affect a historic resource. The department of history, arts, and libraries may file written objection to the proposed surface mining operation pursuant to subsection (3).

(3) A person having an interest that is or may be adversely affected by the operation proposed in the application and any federal or state government agency or local unit of government is entitled to file written objections to the proposed initial or revised application for a permit for surface coal mining and reclamation operation with the department not later than 30 days after the last publication of the notice required by subsection (1). Those objections shall immediately be transmitted to the applicant by the department and shall be made available to the public.

(4) Within 45 days after the last publication of the notice provided in subsection (1), the applicant or any person with an interest that is or may be adversely affected may request a hearing on the application. The hearing shall be held within 30 days after the expiration of the time allowed for submitting the request.

(5) An action taken by the department with respect to a permit application shall be conducted pursuant to chapters 4 and 5 of the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.271 to 24.292.

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Compiler's note: For transfer of powers and duties of department of history, arts, and libraries or the Michigan historical center relating to the identification, certification, and preservation of historical sites to the Michigan state housing development authority, see E.R.O. No. 2009-26, compiled at MCL 399.752.

For transfer of powers and duties of the state historic preservation office relating to the identification, certification, and preservation of historical sites from the Michigan state housing development authority to the Michigan strategic fund, see E.R.O. No. 2019-3, compiled at MCL 125.1998.

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324.63524 Application for permit or revision of permit; notice; burden; requirements for

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approval; filing schedule listing notices of violations; issuance of permit; mining on agricultural land; consultation; finding.

Sec. 63524. (1) The applicant for a permit or revision of a permit has the burden of establishing that his or her application is in compliance with all the requirements of this part. Within 3 days after the granting of a permit, but before the permit is issued, the department shall notify the county clerk in each county in which the land to be affected is located that a permit has been issued and shall describe the location of the land.

(2) An application for a permit or revision of a permit shall not be approved unless the department finds, in writing, that all the following requirements have been met:

(a) The application is accurate and complete and complies with all of the requirements of this part.

(b) The applicant has demonstrated that reclamation as required by this part can be accomplished under the reclamation plan contained in the application.

(c) An assessment of the probable cumulative impact of all anticipated surface coal mining inside and outside the permit area on the hydrologic balance, including quantitative and qualitative analyses, has been made by the department, and the proposed operation has been designed to prevent material damage to the hydrologic balance inside and outside the permit area.

(d) The area proposed to be mined is not included within an area designated unsuitable for surface coal mining pursuant to this part and is not within an area under study for this designation in an administrative proceeding commenced pursuant to this part, unless in the area as to which an administrative proceeding has commenced, the applicant demonstrates that, prior to January 1, 1977, the applicant has made substantial legal and financial commitments in relation to the operation for which the applicant is applying for a permit.

(e) If the ownership of the coal has been severed from the private surface estate, the applicant has submitted to the department either the written consent of the surface owner to the extraction of coal by surface mining methods or a conveyance that expressly grants or reserves the right to extract the coal by surface mining methods. However, if the conveyance does not expressly grant the right to extract coal by surface mining methods, the surface-subsurface legal relationship shall be determined in accordance with state law, except that this part does not authorize the department to adjudicate property rights disputes.

(f) If the department of history, arts, and libraries determines that the proposed surface mining operation will adversely affect a historic resource, the application is approved jointly by the department, by the federal, state, or local agency with jurisdiction over the historic resource, and by the department of history, arts, and libraries.

(3) The applicant shall file, with the application, a schedule listing all notices of violations of this part or other law of this state and any law, rule, or regulation of the United States or of any department or agency in the United States pertaining to air or water environmental protection incurred by the applicant in connection with a surface coal mining operation during the 3-year period prior to the date of application. The schedule shall include the final resolution of notice of the violation. If the schedule or other information available to the department indicates that a surface coal mining operation owned or controlled by the applicant is currently in violation of this part or other laws referred to in this subsection, the permit shall not be issued until the applicant submits affidavits that the violation has been corrected or is in the process of being corrected to the satisfaction of the department or the agency that has jurisdiction over the violation or that the notice of violation is being contested by the applicant. A permit shall not be issued to an applicant after a finding by the department, after opportunity for hearing, that the applicant, or the operator specified in the application, controls or has controlled mining operations with a demonstrated pattern of violations of this part of such nature and duration with such resulting pollution, impairment, or destruction to the environment as to indicate an intent not to comply with this part.

(4) If the area proposed to be mined contains agricultural land, the department shall consult with the director of the department of agriculture and the secretary of the United States department of agriculture and shall not grant a permit to mine on agricultural land unless the department finds in writing that the operator has the technological capability to restore the mined area and any other areas impacted by the surface coal mining operation within a reasonable time to equivalent or higher levels of yield as nonmined agricultural land in the surrounding area under equivalent levels of management, and also finds that the applicant can meet the soil reconstruction standards of this part.

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324.63525 Application for revision of permit; standards; transfer, assignment, or sale of rights; review of outstanding permits; revision or modification of permit provisions; conducting action regarding permit pursuant to MCL 24.271 to 24.292.

Sec. 63525. (1) During the term of a permit, the permittee may submit to the department an application for a revision of the permit, including a revised reclamation plan. An application for a revision of a permit shall not be approved unless the department finds that reclamation as required by this part can be accomplished under the revised reclamation plan. An application for a revision is subject to part 13, except that the department shall establish standards for a determination of the scale or extent of a revision request for which all permit application information requirements and procedures shall apply.

(2) A transfer, assignment, or sale of the rights granted under a permit issued pursuant to this part shall not be made without the written approval of the department.

(3) The department shall, within a time limit prescribed by rule, review outstanding permits. The department may require revision or modification of the permit provisions during the terms of the permit based on a change in technology or a change in circumstances.

(4) All action taken by the department under this section regarding the granting, modification, denial, or revision of a permit shall be conducted pursuant to chapters 4 and 5 of the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.271 to 24.292.

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324.63526 Construction of subpart.

Sec. 63526. This subpart does not exempt a permittee from obtaining any other permit, license, or permission to engage in any activity regulated by this part that is required by any other law of this state, any rule promulgated under a law of this state, or a zoning ordinance enacted by a local unit of government.

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