



Governor's Mined Land Reclamation Award Application

Objective: To recognize companies and individuals who achieve outstanding and exemplary achievements in the reclamation of mined land in addition to promoting the awareness and exchange of information for quality reclamation and environmental stewardship.

Award Criteria:

- ◆ **Compliance:** How the operator or individual exceeded the spirit and intent of the law, the degree of effort, and innovation within the respective guidelines and requirements.
- ◆ **Contemporaneous:** Techniques, time limits and distance limitation during simultaneous reclamation and mining activities, and the difficulties in achieving reclamation under such conditions.
- ◆ **Drainage:** Design, maintenance, and technologies employed resulting in effective and efficient water quality treatment for environmental benefits and cost savings for the operator.
- ◆ **Post-Mining Land Use:** Success of vegetation and erosion control, the degree to which post-mining land use has been established, consideration of innovative land use planning, and site stability.
- ◆ **Innovative Practices:** Creative development and application of new technologies or techniques in resolving reclamation problems or promotion of cost savings during reclamation, providing long-term benefits to the surrounding community and environment, and increase awareness of the law.

Application Instructions:

- ◆ **Cover Sheet:** The attached cover sheet should accompany the completed application, along with any supporting materials.
- ◆ **Application Format:** The application must be in narrative format and may cite newspaper articles, letters of recommendation, etc. Please be as detailed and descriptive as possible. You may use more pages if necessary.
- ◆ **Photographs:** Applicants **must** submit a minimum of eight photographs (please include before and after reclamation if possible).
- ◆ **Map/aerial photo:** A map/aerial photo of the site may also be included (please indicate scale).

Application Submittal:

◆ **Due Date:** Applications must be received by October 31, 2023, to be considered.

◆ **Submittal Options:**

* E-mail to: christina.koelzer@ks.gov

* Mail to: **Kansas Department of Agriculture/Division of Conservation
1320 Research Park Drive
Manhattan, KS 66502**

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Date: _____

Name of Nominee: _____
(Individual or Organization)

Mine Site Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Person Title/Organization: _____

Address: _____

County: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

1. Provide a general description of the mining operations (i.e.):

- * Acreage**
- * Type of mining**
- * Mineral being mined**
- * Depth**
- * Misc.**

2. Describe the following:

- * **Reclamation work completed**
- * **Site-specific techniques or technologies employed**
- * **Reclamation goals and objectives**
- * **Specific problems and solutions**
- * **Unusual circumstances**
- * **Resources available for use**
- * **Size of organization**

3. Describe the following:

- * **Basis and highlights of the exemplary performance**
- * **On-site effectiveness of the work**
- * **Transferability or value of the accomplishments to other mining and reclamation operations**
- * **Long-term benefits to the landowner and local/regional community.**