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Bond release In Ontario, the bond may be available for on-going rehabilitation. MSHA regulations set out detailed safety and health standards for preventing hazardous and unhealthy conditions, including measures addressing fire prevention, air quality, explosives, aerial tramways, electricity use, personal protection, illumination and others.

Federal & State Mining Laws & Regulations

Sulfide ore deposits are responsible for acidic waters in both drainages, and waste dumps and tailings contribute erosional materials to the streams. Completed during the year were a mine waste characterization study, bat inventory, and radon emission study. The purpose is to generally allow the applicant to obtain an exclusive right to explore untested or undeveloped ground while giving the state some control over mineral activities.

Abandoned Mine Lands

One of the first substantial laws to use the environment as a reason to increase regulation was the National Environmental Policy Act of 1970. Most of the work will be in the western states and Ohio, Virginia, and West Virginia. Coal mine sites abandoned before 1977 may be reclaimed under the provisions of Title IV of SMCRA.

Comparison of international mine reclamation bonding systems with recommendations for China

The NMA agreement with the Department of Energy DOE, signed in 1998, provides a framework for DOE and the mining industry to pursue a research partnership that addresses typical issues common to mineral exploration and development, including the environment, health and safety. Must be based on fair and enforceable nationwide reclamation standards for mining companies. Investigations in the watersheds involve careful

sampling of surface and ground waters, adit discharges, surface runoff, mine wastes, and surrounding rock to properly locate and characterize the source and extent of pollutants.

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