

**SENATE**  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**EIGHTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE**

**S.F. No. 1887**

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1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to natural resources; directing the commissioner of natural resources  
1.3 and the Environmental Quality Board to amend rules relating to scam mining  
1.4 operations.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **RULEMAKING; SCRAM MINING OPERATIONS.**

1.7 (a) The commissioner of natural resources shall amend Minnesota Rules, part  
1.8 6130.0100, subpart 16, to add the production of natural ore agglomerates, including  
1.9 heat-treated pellets made from natural ore concentrates, to the definition of "scram mining  
1.10 operation."

1.11 (b) The Environmental Quality Board shall amend Minnesota Rules, part 4410.4600,  
1.12 subpart 1, so that it reads:

1.13 "Projects within subparts 2; 8, item C; and 26 are exempt from parts 4410.0200 to  
1.14 4410.6500. Projects within subparts 3 to 7; 8, item B; 9 to 25; and 27 are exempt from  
1.15 parts 4410.0200 to 4410.6500, unless they have characteristics that meet or exceed any of  
1.16 the thresholds specified in part 4410.4300 or 4410.4400."

1.17 (c) The commissioner of natural resources and the Environmental Quality Board  
1.18 may use the good cause exemption under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388, subdivision  
1.19 1, clause (3), to adopt rules under this section, and Minnesota Statutes, section 14.386,  
1.20 does not apply, except as provided under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388.