

6130.1100 GENERAL CRITERIA FOR SITE SELECTIONS.

Portions of a mining operation for which there is flexibility in site selections, such as stockpiles, tailings basins, water reservoirs, processing plants, offices interconnecting roadways and auxiliary facilities, shall be sited so that:

A. impacts on the public due to wind erosion, noise, and air emissions are minimized;

B. potential injury to life, property, and natural resources due to dam or slope failure is minimized;

C. major modifications of watersheds, including diversions of surface water and alterations of groundwater levels are minimized;

D. runoff and seepage can be managed to minimize environmental effects;

E. spilled material resulting from pipeline rupture or emergency release can be contained and controlled;

F. former mining areas are used in preference to areas undisturbed by mining; and

G. conflicts with natural resource sites identified by the commissioner such as those listed in V 21 Natural Resources Sites, Minesite Data Manual, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, are minimized.

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