

## CHAPTER 180

### MINE INSPECTORS

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*[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1982]*

Subd. 2. Every person, firm or corporation that is or has been engaged in the business of mining or removing iron ore, taconite, semitaconite or other minerals except sand, crushed rock and gravel by the open pit method in any county which has appointed an inspector of mines pursuant to section 180.01 shall erect two inch by four inch mesh fencing along the outside perimeter of the excavation, open pit, or shaft of any mine in which mining operations have ceased for a period of six consecutive months or longer. The top and bottom wire shall not be less than 9 gauge and the filler wire shall not be less than 11 gauge. The fencing shall be not less than five feet in height with two strands of barbed wire six inches apart affixed to the top of the fence. The fence posts shall be no more than ten feet apart. In the case of open pit mines in which mining operations cease after November 1, 1979, and before March 1, 1980, the fencing shall be erected as soon as possible after March 1, 1980. Where mining operations cease on or after March 1, 1980, the fencing shall be erected forthwith. In the case of open pit mines in which mining operations had ceased for a period of six consecutive months or longer before November 1, 1979, and not resumed, the fencing shall be erected within five years after November 1, 1979. Any fencing required by an inspector of mines pursuant to subdivision 3 or other applicable law shall meet the standards of this section as a minimum. This subdivision does not apply to any excavation, open pit, or shaft, or any portion thereof, exempted from its application by the commissioner of natural resources pursuant to laws relating to mineland reclamation or exempted from its application by the county mine inspector pursuant to subdivision 4.

*[For text of subds 3 and 4, see M.S.1982]*

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