

# Dept. of Natural Resources: Seeking public comment on proposed non-metallic mine reclamation plan guidance

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**MADISON, Wis.** – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today announced it is seeking public comment on its proposed Non-Metallic Mine Reclamation Plan Guidance.

The DNR created this guide to aid local and county governments and mine operators across the state in developing mine reclamation plans.

[A reclamation plan](#) is the first step towards gaining a reclamation permit and is a blueprint describing the steps needed to reclaim the site to achieve post-mining land use. A reclamation plan must demonstrate compliance with the uniform reclamation standards provided in ch. NR 135, Wis. Adm. Code and offers environmental protection during and after the mining process.

The public is encouraged to submit comments regarding the [Non-Metallic Mine Reclamation Plan Guidance](#) and [Appendix A](#). Submit comments by Friday, May 28 to:

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Under NR 135, the DNR is responsible for ensuring uniform statewide implementation of non-metallic mining reclamation requirements by overseeing county and local reclamation programs, known as regulatory authorities (RAs). The

DNR provides technical assistance to these programs and audits them periodically to ensure they administer reclamation programs uniformly across the state. A stakeholder group, the Non-metallic Mining Advisory Committee, advises the DNR on its administration of the statewide reclamation program.

For more information on mine reclamation in Wisconsin, visit the [DNR's website](#).