

WAC 296-17A-1703 Classification 1703.

1703-01 Open cut mining - All types; placer or hydraulic mining

Applies to:

All types of open cut mining, also commonly referred to as surface mining, open pit mining, or strip mining, whereby ores and minerals are extracted from a large hole or pit on the surface.

Materials extracted include, but are not limited to:

- All types of ore;
- Asbestos;
- Asphalt;
- Chalk;
- Graphite;
- Gypsum;
- Mica;
- Phosphate rock;
- Talc.

Work activities include, but are not limited to:

- Excavating and stripping the surface material with use of drag lines, power shovels or earth moving equipment.
- Loading products onto dump trucks or belt conveyors for movement to railroad sidings.
- Loading into ore cars for shipment to processing plants.
- Hydraulic mining - Material is excavated by moving a stream of high pressure water over the mining face.
- Placer mining - Obtains minerals from placers by use of running water such as on a stream or the shoreline.

Equipment used include, but are not limited to:

- Bulldozers;
- Compressors;
- Conveyors;
- Drag lines;
- Pneumatic drilling rigs;
- Scrapers;
- Shovels;
- Trucks.

Exclusions:

- Underground mining is classified in 1702;
- Quarrying is classified in 1704.

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