

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1468

5 By: Representative Davenport
6 By: Senator Baker
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 15-57-311 TO
11 PROVIDE GENERAL PERMIT AUTHORITY FOR OPEN-CUT
12 MINING OPERATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT TO PROVIDE GENERAL PERMIT
15 AUTHORITY FOR OPEN-CUT MINING
16 OPERATIONS.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-57-311, concerning applications, fees,
23 and bonds regarding permits to engage in open-cut mining, is amended to add
24 an additional subsection to read as follows:

25 (j)(1)(A) After notice and opportunity for a public hearing, the
26 Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality may develop and issue general
27 permits for any category of activities involving open-cut mining operations
28 if the department determines that the activities in a category:

29 (i) Are similar in nature;

30 (ii) Will cause only minimal temporary adverse
31 environmental effects if performed separately; and

32 (iii) Will have only minimal cumulative adverse
33 effects on the environment.

34 (B) To qualify for inclusion under the general permit,
35 applicants shall submit a notice of intent and supporting documentation on
36 forms developed by the department.



