

27—50.20 (207) Definition of terms.

50.20(1) “*Emergency*” means a sudden danger or impairment that presents a high probability of substantial physical harm to the health, safety or general welfare of people before the danger can be abated under normal program operation procedures.

50.20(2) “*Extreme danger*” means a condition that could reasonably be expected to cause substantial physical harm to persons, property, or the environment and to which persons or improvements on real property are currently exposed.

50.20(3) “*Reclamation activities*” means restoration, reclamation, abatement, control or prevention of adverse effects of mining.

50.20(4) “*State reclamation program*” or “*program*” means a program established by the division in this chapter for reclamation of land and water adversely affected by past mining, including the reclamation plan and annual applications for grants under the plan.

50.20(5) “*State abandoned mined land fund*” or “*fund*” means a separate fund established by the division for the purpose of accounting for moneys granted by the director of the office of surface mining reclamation and enforcement (OSM) under an approved state reclamation program and other moneys authorized by these rules to be deposited in the fund.

50.20(6) “*Left or abandoned in either an unreclaimed or inadequately reclaimed condition*” means land and water:

a. Where all mining processes ceased and no current permit for continuing operations existed as of August 3, 1977, or, if a permit did exist on that date, but all mining processes had ceased, it has since lapsed and has not been renewed or superseded by a new permit as of the date of the request for reclamation assistance; and

b. Which continue in their present condition, to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, prevent or damage the beneficial use of the land or water resources, or endanger the health or safety of the public.