

## Mines, Department of (Constitution, Article 6 § 25; 45 O.S. § 3)

Agency Code 125 (IA)

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**Mission Statement** To protect the environment of the state, to protect the health and safety of the miners, and to protect the life, health, and property of citizens affected through enforcement of the state mining and reclamation laws.

**Administration** Mary Ann Pritchard, Director; Doug Schooley, Deputy Director; Rhonda Dossett, Administrator-Coal (918/485-3999); Mark Secrest, Chief Counsel; Suzen Rodesney, Chief Financial Officer

**Personnel** 35 unclassified, 1 temporary

**History and Function** The Department of Mines enforces and implements various provisions of state and federally-mandated programs in health, safety, mining and land reclamation practices associated with surface and subsurface mining. The department has programs to 1) safeguard human health and safety; 2) issue permits and inspect all mining operations for land reclamation; 3) minimize environmental impact to land, air and water quality; and 4) regulate blasting of a mine site. The department also conducts miner courses in first aid, mine safety, and accident prevention through the Oklahoma Miner Training Institute.

**Oklahoma Miner Training Institute** (45 O.S. § 1e)

EOSC—Baker Hall, 1301 W Main, Wilburton 74578-4999 918/465-1799, FAX 918/465-4490

**Mission Statement** To provide training for mining health and safety.

**Administration** Judy Tate, Interim Executive Director

## Mining Commission, Oklahoma (45 O.S. § 1)

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**Mission Statement** The Oklahoma Mining Commission determines broad plans and programs for the Department of Mines designed to facilitate the regulation, safety, and promotion of the Oklahoma mining industry.

**Administration** George Fraley, Chair; Mary Ann Pritchard, Director, Department of Mines

**History and Function** The membership of the commission consists of one person with experience in each of the following fields: engineering or geology, labor or worker's safety, agriculture or soil conservation, transportation, economic development or banking, public utilities, natural resources, and two persons selected at large. The commission is the policy-determining agency for the Department of Mines and also selects the director under the commission.