



## Arizona State Land Department

### MINERAL EXPLORATION PERMITS

1. A non-refundable filing fee of **\$500.00** is required for each application.
2. Applications must be typed or printed in ink. Applications that are incomplete or illegible will be returned.
3. The minimum acreage per application is a rectangular subdivision of 20 acres, more or less, or lots, in any one section of the public land survey.
4. A maximum 640 acres or one whole section is allowed per application.
5. An Exploration Permit is valid for **one** year, renewable up to **five** years. There is a **\$500.00** fee associated with each annual renewal. The renewal form may be downloaded at:  
<https://land.az.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/MINEXPRENEWAPP.pdf>
6. The application must be signed by the applicant(s) or an authorized agent. If an agent is filing for the applicant, a notarized Power of Attorney must be filed with the ASLD. The filing fee for a Power of Attorney is **\$50.00**.
7. Lease boundaries, access routes, mine workings, roads, water sources, residences, utilities, etc. must be plotted separately on a USGS Topographic Map included with the application.
8. An environmental disclosure questionnaire, which is attached to the application when downloaded, must accompany each application.
9. The processing of an Exploration Permit may take up to **forty-five** days.
10. Application is reviewed by the ASLD Minerals Section and if appropriate, by other ASLD divisions, governmental agencies and/or individuals from the private sector.
11. An initial rental fee of **\$2.00** per acre is due within thirty days upon notification of the intent to issue the Permit. The \$2.00 rental fee is for the first and second year of the Permit. However, although the rent is prepaid for second year, the Permit must still be renewed for that year. The rental fee for years three thru five are **\$1.00** per acre per year and due annually when the Permit is renewed.
12. A bond (typically in the amount of \$3,000 for a single Permit or a blanket bond of \$15,000 for five or more Permits held by an individual or company) is also due within thirty days upon notification of the intent to issue the Permit. Bond amounts may be increased during the life of the Permit as determined by the ASLD upon review of the proposed exploration activities as detailed in the Exploration Plan of Operation.
13. An Exploration Plan of Operation must be submitted and approved by the ASLD prior to startup of any exploration activities. The form may be downloaded at:  
<https://land.az.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/EXPO.pdf>
14. If the proposed exploration activities require any surface disturbance, then Archaeological and Plant survey reports will be requested to be submitted to the ASLD for review and approval. Two paper copies of the Archaeological survey report and one copy of the Plant survey report, as well as electronic copies of both reports (in PDF format) are required. Information concerning archaeological surveys may be viewed at:  
<http://www.statemuseum.arizona.edu/crservices/permits/>  
Information related to plant surveys may be viewed at:  
[https://land.az.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/Plant\\_Survey\\_Protocol.pdf](https://land.az.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/Plant_Survey_Protocol.pdf)
15. The annual minimum work expenditure requirements are:
  - **\$10.00** per acre per year for years **one** and **two**; and
  - **\$20.00** per acre per year for years **three** thru **five**.Acceptable expenditures include those resources used to determine the existence or nonexistence of a valuable mineral deposit, including but not limited to geological, geochemical, or geophysical surveys conducted by qualified experts, drilling and sampling, and excavation, together with the costs of assay and metallurgical testing of samples from the permitted land (see A.R.S. §27-252.C). Proof of work expenditures must be submitted to the ASLD Minerals Section each year in the form of invoices and/or paid receipts. If no exploration work was completed, the applicant must pay the ASLD an amount equal to the required per acre expenditure listed above for whichever year the Permit is being renewed.
16. No exploration work can proceed without the express and written approval of the Exploration Plan of Operation by the ASLD. This approval includes the clearance of required archaeological and native plant surveys by the ASLD staff. Any work conducted on the Permit without this approval will not be accepted as a qualified expenditure and will result in the cancellation of the Permit.
17. Applicants should review A.R.S. §27-318 and be aware of their responsibility and liability for any old or abandoned exploration or mine workings located on the land covered by the Exploration Permit.
18. An Exploration Permit is neither a right to mine nor does allow for the removal of any valuable minerals, except as approved by the ASLD within an Exploration Plan of Operation.
19. If discovery of a valuable mineral deposit is made, the permittee must apply for and obtain a mineral lease from the ASLD before any mining can begin.

<b>Arizona State Land Department</b> 1616 West Adams Phoenix, Arizona 85007 (602)542-2687  <b>Filing Fee: \$500.00 (nonrefundable) N(34)</b>	<b>DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY</b>	
	Examiner: _____ Rolodex # _____	
	<b>Recommendation / Initial</b>	<b>Date</b>
	Approved _____	_____
	Denied _____	_____
	Rejected _____	_____
	Withdrawn _____	_____

**APPLICATION TO OBTAIN MINERAL RESOURCES**  
**APPLICATION # \_\_\_\_\_**

**I. APPLICANT**

Principal \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Is this application being filed in conjunction with any other application(s)? Yes  No

Is this application being filed to assist another applicant in procuring a lease or permit? Yes  No

**II. APPLICATION**

**Date/Time Stamp**

<u>Application Type</u>	<u>KE</u>	Note: <i>If converting your current exploration permit to a mineral lease, enter the permit number below:</i>  Permit No. _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Exploration Permit	(08)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Lease	(11)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Materials	(04)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy	(13)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		

**III. LOCATION & ACCESS**

Township \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Description \_\_\_\_\_

Access \_\_\_\_\_

Is access across other state lands required? Yes  No

Nearest city \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from city \_\_\_\_\_ miles

A **USGS Topographic Map** showing **location boundaries** of and **access** to the exact area under this application *must* be included.

**IV. OPERATIONS**

1. Commodities: Primary \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary \_\_\_\_\_

2. Estimated Annual Production \_\_\_\_\_ tons , cyds , lbs , oz , other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Prior Mining/Production? Yes , No , By \_\_\_\_\_



If no, state the Legal Corporate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Street or Box Number) (City) (State) (Zip)

4. LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY:

(A) If an out-of-state limited liability company have you filed for a Certificate of Registration with the Arizona Corporation Commission?

Yes  No

(B) If an Arizona limited liability company have you filed Articles of Organization with the Arizona Corporation Commission?

Yes  No

(C) Are you authorized by the Arizona Corporation Commission to transact business in Arizona?

Yes  No

5. PARTNERSHIP OR JOINT VENTURE: (Complete the following for each authorized partner or principal in the partnership or joint venture:)

NAME	BUSINESS ADDRESS	AGE	MARITAL STATUS
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

6. LIMITED PARTNERSHIP: Is this Limited Partnership on file with the Arizona Secretary of State?

Yes  No

AUTHORIZED GENERAL PARTNER(S) NAME	BUSINESS ADDRESS
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. ESTATE: Complete the following and attach a copy of the court or estate document(s):

Name of the court-appointed administrator or personal representative \_\_\_\_\_

List the type and date of issuance of the court or Estate document

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date issued) (Type of Document)

8. TRUST:

(A) Complete the following pursuant to A.R.S. § 33-404, for each beneficiary of the Trust

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE	MARITAL STATUS
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

or (B) Identify the Trust document by title, document number, and county where document is recorded \_\_\_\_\_

9. I HEREBY CERTIFY, UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, THAT THE INFORMATION AND STATEMENTS CONTAINED HEREIN, TOGETHER WITH ALL EXHIBITS AND ATTACHMENTS ARE TRUE, CORRECT AND COMPLETE AND THAT I/WE HAVE AUTHORITY TO SIGN THIS DOCUMENT.

SIGNATURE(S)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Corporation, Partnership, Trust, etc. Date Signature of Applicant (Individual) Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Title Signature of Applicant (Individual) Date

**ARIZONA STATE LAND DEPARTMENT ENVIRONMENTAL DISCLOSURE QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**These two pages are part of the application - DO NOT DETACH.**

The purpose of this questionnaire is to give the Department an opportunity to detect proposed land uses that may have potential environmental impacts and risks, and to consider these impacts and risks in the processing of the application.

If you have questions regarding this questionnaire, please contact the State Land Department, Environmental Section at (602) 542-2119. Other Federal, State, County and local agencies may also need to be contacted regarding environmental regulations.

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PLEASE INDICATE BELOW THE TYPE(S) OF POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS FROM YOUR CURRENT OR PROPOSED USE:

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>WILL YOUR USE INVOLVE:</u>	<u>TYPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT</u>
_____	_____	<b>WASTE TIRES</b>	The collection of waste tires? If yes, explain: _____
_____	_____	<b>LEAD ACID BATTERIES</b>	The sale and disposal of lead acid batteries? If yes, explain: _____
_____	_____	<b>DISCHARGE IMPACTING GROUNDWATER</b>	Generating a discharge that may potentially impact groundwater? If yes, explain: _____
_____	_____	<b>PESTICIDES?</b>	If yes, explain use: _____
_____	_____	<b>DRY WELLS?</b>	If yes, ADEQ Registration #(s): _____
_____	_____	<b>POTABLE WATER (DRINKING WATER) SYSTEMS?</b>	If yes, explain: _____
_____	_____	<b>WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT SYSTEMS</b>	Wastewater collection and/or treatment? If yes, explain: _____
_____	_____	<b>AIR CONTAMINANTS/AIR POLLUTION CONTROL</b>	Air contaminant emissions? If yes, explain: _____
_____	_____	<b>SOLID WASTE – GENERAL</b>	Solid waste generation, transportation, treatment, recycling, storage or disposal? If yes, explain: _____
_____	_____	<b>SOLID WASTE - MEDICAL WASTE</b>	Medical waste generation, transportation, treatment, recycling, storage or disposal? If yes, explain: _____
_____	_____	<b>SOLID WASTE - SEWAGE SLUDGE/SEPTAGE</b>	(Septic Tank Waste) Sewage sludge/septage generation, transportation, treatment, storage, use or disposal? If yes, explain: _____
_____	_____	<b>USED OIL</b>	Used oil generation, transportation, storage, recycling, use, disposal, marketing or burning? If yes, explain: _____
_____	_____	<b>RECYCLING ACTIVITIES?</b>	If yes, explain: _____
_____	_____	<b>SPECIAL WASTE</b>	Special waste (asbestos, motor vehicle shredding waste) generation, transportation, treatment, recycling, storage or disposal? If yes, explain: _____
_____	_____	<b>HAZARDOUS WASTE GENERATOR</b>	Generating hazardous waste? If yes, explain: _____
_____	_____	<b>HAZARDOUS WASTE TREATMENT, STORAGE, OR DISPOSAL?</b>	If yes, explain: _____

(OVER)

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>WILL YOUR USE INVOLVE:</u>	<u>TYPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT</u>
_____	_____	<b>HAZARDOUS WASTE TRANSPORTATION?</b> If yes, explain: _____	
_____	_____	<b>UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK (UST)?</b> If yes, explain: _____	
_____	_____	<b>ABOVEGROUND STORAGE TANK (AST)?</b> If yes, explain: _____	
_____	_____	<b>HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES?</b> If yes, explain: _____	
_____	_____	<b>CURRENTLY UNCLASSIFIED WASTE</b> Will your use involve currently unclassified waste containing the following? (A.R.S. §49-854). If yes, check appropriate waste category:	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) <input type="checkbox"/> Oil and gas exploration drilling muds <input type="checkbox"/> Petroleum contaminated soil	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Incinerator ash <input type="checkbox"/> Categorical industrial pretreatment sludge <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial/industrial septage	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Petroleum refining waste <input type="checkbox"/> Radioactive waste <input type="checkbox"/> Used Antifreeze	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Slag and refractory material <input type="checkbox"/> Uranium ore tailings <input type="checkbox"/> Contaminated process equipment	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Precious metals recycling <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial catalysts <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Sludges	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum dross <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial sands (excluding mining or mineral processing operation)	
		If checked, explain waste generation process: _____	
_____	_____	<b>SUPERFUND SITES</b> Is the State Trust land located in a National Priority List (NPL, Federal Superfund) area or in a Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF, State Superfund) study area? If yes, NP or WQARF area name: _____	
_____	_____	<b>LAND DISTURBANCE</b> If land disturbance will occur, will it be on previously undisturbed land? If yes, explain: _____	
_____	_____	<b>WATER WELLS</b> Are there open and/or abandoned water wells on the property? If yes, submit a site diagram showing location(s) and use(s): _____	
_____	_____	<b>ADJACENT LAND USES</b> To the best of your knowledge, are adjacent lands subject to any of the above-referenced environmental impacts? If yes, explain: _____	
_____	_____	<b>ON-SITE INSPECTION/ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT</b> To the best of your knowledge, has an on-site inspection and/or an environmental site assessment been performed at this location? If yes, explain: _____	
_____	_____	<b>PREVIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT</b> To the best of your knowledge, has any environmental impact been reported previously to ADEQ? If yes, explain: _____	

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**