

**460. DEPARTMENT OF MINES
CHAPTER 3. NON-COAL RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURES**

SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

460:3-1-2. Description of organization. [REVOKED]

- (a) ~~The office of Chief Inspector of Mines, Oil and Gas (hereinafter referred to as the Department) was created and exists by virtue of Article 6, Section 25 of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, as amended.~~
- (b) ~~The Chief Executive Officer is the Chief Mine Inspector, who is appointed by the Governor by and with the consent of the Senate for terms of four (4) years to run concurrently with the term of the Governor [Article VI, Sec. 1, Oklahoma Constitution, as amended.]~~
- (c) ~~The Chief Mine Inspector shall perform all administrative duties required of said office under the direction of the Governor and shall perform all duties and shall have such authority as is vested in the Chief Mine Inspector by the provisions of Title 45 of the Oklahoma Statutes.~~
- (d) ~~Mining districts are created by the Chief Mine Inspector for the Assistant Mine Inspectors to fulfill their duties of inspection and enforcement. Copies of maps showing the boundaries of the mining districts of this Chapter are available to the public upon request to the Department. [45 O.S. Supp (1981), Sec. 21.1]~~
- (e) ~~In the absence of an appointed Chief Mine Inspector, the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Mines shall be the Director of the Department of Mines. The Director shall be appointed by the Oklahoma Mining Commission and shall serve at the pleasure of said Commission which shall fix the Director's duties and compensation. The Director shall be chosen with regard to his or her knowledge, training, experience and ability in administering the functions of the Department. The appointed Director shall have been a resident and a qualified elector of Oklahoma for a period of at least three (3) years preceding the appointment. [45 O.S. §1b].~~

460:3-1-3. Method of operation. [AMENDED]

- (a) ~~The principal office of the Department is 2915 N. Classen Blvd., Suite 213, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73106.~~
- (b) ~~Office hours shall be from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., unless otherwise designated by the Director of the Department of Mines, each day except Saturday and Sunday and legal holidays established by statute or proclamation of the Governor.~~
- (e)(a) The Department of Mines may exercise its official powers at any location in the State of Oklahoma.
- (d) ~~Every communication in writing to the Department shall be addressed to the Director at the principal office.~~
- (e) ~~All rules and other written statements of policy or interpretations formulated, adopted or used by the Department in the discharge of its functions, all final orders, decisions and opinions and all forms, applications and instructions which are required to be completed in applying for a license or permit will be made available at the principal office during regular office hours.~~
- (f) ~~Copies of all official records of the Department, not privileged or protected from publication by law, may be made and certified by the Director on the request of any person. The person making such request shall pay the expense of making such copies in accordance with a fee schedule adopted by the Department. Certified copies of any records or papers on file in the~~

~~Department shall be evidence equally with the originals thereof and when introduced as evidence shall have the same validity as the originals.~~

~~(h)~~(b) When computing time, the following shall apply:

- (1) Except as otherwise provided, computation of time is based on calendar days.
- (2) In computing any period of prescribed time, the day on which the designated period of time begins is not included. The last day of the period is included unless it is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday on which the Department is not open for business, in which event the period runs until the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.
- (3) Intermediate Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays are excluded from the computation when the period or prescribed time is seven (7) days or less.