



# Minerals Lease Application and Requirements

*This information is required by authority of Part 5, Section 502, Act 451, P.A. 1994, as amended.*

DNR Cashier's Use Only					
Application Fee					
	Dept.	Approp	Fund	Unit	Dept Rev.
MM	751	45100	1284	7900	9159
NM	751	45100	1284	7900	9157

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LESSEE INFORMATION				
Name of Intended Lessee	Lessee Contact Name	Lessee Contact Telephone	Name of Applicant (on behalf of Lessee)	Applicant Telephone
Address (Leases will be mailed to this address unless specified otherwise.)				
City, State, ZIP Code				
OTHER INFORMATION				
Legal Description of State-Owned Minerals for each Lease Request. Attach additional pages if needed.				
Check one:		Minerals Requested to Explore or Develop:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Direct Lease (See page 2)		<input type="checkbox"/> Metallic		
<input type="checkbox"/> Nomination for Lease Auction		Type (e.g. copper, nickel): _____		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Nonmetallic		
		Type (e.g. salt, sand/gravel, potash): _____		
NONMETALLIC MINERALS DIRECT LEASE APPLICATION (Check at least one)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Intended Lessee is governmental agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Intended Lessee is the current severed surface owner. (Submit copy of deed showing proof of ownership.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lease is to reclaim State property.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Lease is necessary to consolidate Intended Lessee's fractional interest.	<input type="checkbox"/> Lease is necessary for completion of Intended Lessee's ongoing mining operation area.	<input type="checkbox"/> Lease request is for offset acreage to existing pit that Intended Lessee has an interest in.		
NONREFUNDABLE LEASE APPLICATION FEE (\$300 for up to 640 acres in no more than 4 contiguous sections.)				
Number of Lease Requests	Fee Per Lease Request	Total Amount Due	FOR DNR USE ONLY	
	\$300	\$		
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID		\$		

Make check or money order payable to "State of Michigan" (do not send cash) and submit with completed application.

**MAIL TO:**

**CASHIER'S OFFICE  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
PO BOX 30451  
LANSING MI 48909**

**EXPRESS MAIL TO:**

**CASHIER'S OFFICE  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
VAN WAGONER BUILDING, FIRST FLOOR  
425 WEST OTTAWA STREET  
LANSING MI 48933**

## REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION

1. Application:
  - Name of Intended Lessee: Can be individuals of legal age, persons doing business under an assumed name, and corporations or other legal entities registered with the Michigan Department of Labor and Regulatory Affairs to transact business in the State of Michigan.
  - Legal Description: The legal description should list the specific state-owned minerals being requested (e.g. SW1/4 NW1/4, Section 5, T29N, R06W, Mancelona Township, Antrim County).
  - Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Acquisition Deeds: If the lease request involves MDOT land or highway right-of-way, a copy of the deed reflecting how MDOT acquired the parcel is required.
  - The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) may enter into metallic and nonmetallic mineral leases by direct lease or public auction. The DNR reserves the right to determine how the requested parcels will be offered for lease.
2. Metallic minerals lease requests: Under Part 632, Nonferrous Metallic Mineral Mining, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, the definition of mining is the excavation or removal of more than 10,000 tons of earth material a year or disturbing more than 1 acre of land a year in the regular operation of a business for the purpose of extracting a nonferrous metallic mineral or minerals by 1 or both of the following:
  - Removing the overburden lying above natural deposits of a mineral and excavating directly from the natural deposits thus exposed or by excavating directly from deposits lying exposed in their natural state.
  - Excavating from below the surface of the ground by means of shafts, tunnels, or other subsurface openings.
3. All lease requests require a parcel classification review by DNR field staff and/or permission to lease from the land administering division or agency. Upon completion of the review, the applicant will be provided directions for completing the Public Notice (Notice) process. The applicant must place a Notice in the local newspaper.
4. If the request involves a surface owner other than Department of Natural Resources (DNR), applicant must provide surface owner name, surface owner address and surface owner legal description.
5. First year's rental or minimum royalty payment, as applicable, is required at the time of lease execution. A one-time lease bonus payment is also required at the time of lease execution for metallic minerals leases and nonmetallic minerals salt leases.
6. The Lessee is required to provide a lease performance bond at the time of lease execution to assure faithful compliance with the terms and conditions of the lease. The amount of the bond required is determined by the number of acres under lease. The Lessee is also required to maintain liability and worker's compensation insurance listing the "State of Michigan, its several departments, commissions, boards, officers and employees" as an additional insured.
7. An annual mining and reclamation plan must be submitted by the Lessee and approved by the DNR prior to any mining activity. An annual exploration plan must be submitted by the Lessee and approved by the DNR prior to any exploration activity.

For additional information, please contact the DNR, Minerals Management Section, at 517-284-5850 or [DNR-Minerals@michigan.gov](mailto:DNR-Minerals@michigan.gov).