

State Mine Inspector: The Honorable Douglas K. Martin

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	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Estimate	FY 2007 Approved
OPERATING BUDGET			
<i>Full Time Equivalent Positions</i>	17.0	17.0	17.0
Personal Services	580,100	594,300	619,400
Employee Related Expenditures	178,700	215,000	249,500
Professional and Outside Services	9,000	11,000	9,500
Travel - In State	103,900	105,000	90,000
Travel - Out of State	1,300	0	0
Other Operating Expenditures	235,700	223,900	247,300
Equipment	10,300	13,200	11,000
OPERATING SUBTOTAL	1,119,000	1,162,400	1,226,700^{1/}
SPECIAL LINE ITEMS			
Ch. 319 Aggregate Mined Land Reclamation	0	0	-- ^{2/}
AGENCY TOTAL	1,119,000	1,162,400	1,226,700
FUND SOURCES			
General Fund	1,119,000	1,162,400	1,226,700
<u>Other Appropriated Funds</u>			
Aggregate Mining Reclamation Fund	0	0	--
SUBTOTAL - Other Appropriated Funds	0	0	--
SUBTOTAL - Appropriated Funds	1,119,000	1,162,400	1,226,700
Federal Funds	307,700	296,000	285,500
TOTAL - ALL SOURCES	1,426,700	1,458,400	1,512,200

AGENCY DESCRIPTION — The State Mine Inspector is an elected constitutional officer. The office inspects the health conditions and safety of mining operations, investigates mining accidents, identifies abandoned mines, and conducts safety certification classes for mine employees.

	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2007 Approved
PERFORMANCE MEASURES				
• % of mandated inspections completed	80.0	67.0	70.0	70.0
• Number of inspections	619.0	567.0	528.0	570.0
• Customer satisfaction rating for mines (Scale 1-8)	6.7	7.1	7.7	7.5

Comments: The State Mine Inspector tracks information on a calendar year basis.

This agency's budget was originally appropriated in Laws 2005, Chapter 286. For details on this agency's original FY 2007 budget, please see the *FY 2006 Appropriations Report*. Laws 2006, Chapter 344 made adjustments to the agency's FY 2007 budget as discussed below.

Operating Budget

The budget provides \$1,226,700 from the General Fund for the operating budget in FY 2007. The amount includes an increase of \$96,200 from the General Fund for statewide adjustments. *(Please see the Statewide*

^{1/} General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as a Lump Sum by Agency.

^{2/} Laws 2005, Chapter 322 appropriated all monies collected between January 1, 2006 and July 1, 2006 from the Aggregate Mining Reclamation Fund to the State Mine Inspector. Laws 2006, Chapter 319 extends the deadline to July 1, 2007. The department estimate of the revenue to be received is from \$760,000 to \$950,000.

Adjustments section at the end of this Appropriations Report for details.)

<i>Special Line Items</i>

Ch. 319 Aggregate Mined Land Reclamation

Laws 2005, Chapter 322 appropriated all monies collected between January 1, 2006 and July 1, 2006 from the Aggregate Mining Reclamation Fund to the State Mine Inspector to review aggregate mined land reclamation plans. Since no monies were collected during this time period, Laws 2006, Chapter 319 extended the collection deadline for another year to July 1, 2007. The department estimates collections to be between \$760,000 and \$950,000. It expects to receive between 200 to 250 plans at a fee of \$3,800 per plan. The actual amount will depend upon collections generated by the State Mine Inspector.

Beginning in FY 2007, Laws 2005, Chapter 322 required that the State Mine Inspector approve a reclamation plan and financial assurance mechanism for exploration and aggregate mining operations that create a surface disturbance greater than 5 acres.

The State Mine Inspector is allowed to collect fees from exploration and aggregate mining operations in order to finance the costs of approving reclamation plans and financial assurance mechanisms. Laws 2005, Chapter 322 established the legislatively-appropriated Aggregate Mining Reclamation Fund, which will consist of reclamation plan fees and monies from the federal government or other governmental agencies.