

New Mexico Statutes

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69-26-1. Annual registration; data required; operations; notice of suspension; reactivation to state mine inspector.

A. Each operation in New Mexico shall register with the mining and minerals division of the energy minerals and natural resources department annually and upon the start of operations. The registration shall include:

- (1) the name of the operations;
- (2) post office address;
- (3) the name of the operator or person in charge; and
- (4) the character of operation such as the mineral produced or sought.

B. It is the duty of every mine operator to notify the mining and minerals division in writing of the suspension of operations, whether of a temporary or permanent nature. Upon reactivating the mine, or any mine which may have been shut down three months or more, the operator, ten days prior to the reactivation, shall notify the mining and minerals division in writing of intention to reactivate the mine, giving information as to the name and location of the property and the name and address of the party who will be in charge of the work.

C. The mining and minerals division shall provide a copy of the registration to the state mine inspector.

History: Laws 1933, ch. 153, § 191; 1941 Comp., § 67-1901; 1953 Comp., § 63-19-1; Laws 1955, ch. 133, § 1; 1957, ch. 45, § 1; 1963, ch. 229, § 3; 1989, ch. 193, § 14

69-26-2. Production information; confidential nature.

Each mining, milling or smelting operation shall furnish each year to the mining and minerals division of the energy, minerals and natural resources department information regarding production and value of production, persons employed, mining equipment and methods and any other information as may be reasonably required for the previous calendar year on blank forms to be furnished the operator for that purpose. Any information regarding production of individual mines is to be held confidential and not published unless agreed to by the operator; except that the information may be provided to the state mine inspector. Concerning any information so provided, the secretary and employees of the energy and minerals department and the state mine inspector are subject to the provisions of [Section 71-2-8](#) NMSA 1978.

History: Laws 1933, ch. 153, § 192; 1941 Comp., § 67-1902; Laws 1951, ch. 231, § 1; 1953 Comp., § 63-19-2; Laws 1963, ch. 229, § 4; 1973, ch. 218, § 48; 1979, ch. 325, § 2; 1987, ch. 234, § 57; 1989, ch. 193, § 15.

69-26-3. Request for information.

The mine operator shall at any time, upon written request, furnish any reasonable information or data desired by the director of the mining and minerals division of the energy, minerals and natural resources department.

History: Laws 1933, ch. 153, § 193; 1941 Comp., § 67-1903; 1953 Comp., § 63-19-3; Laws 1989, ch. 193, § 16.