

Department of Mines and Mineral Industries State Documents

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Summary Information

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Scope and Contents

The Department of Mines and Mineral Industries had the primary responsibility of protecting coal miners from unsafe working conditions. The Department enforced the anthracite and bituminous coal mining laws of the Commonwealth, inspected mines and collieries, investigated serious accidents, and supervised the examination and certification of applicants for certain mining jobs. The Department also supervised the restoration of strip-mine areas, promoted research relating to new uses and markets for coal, and published the annual reports of the coal mine inspectors.

The publications of the Department of Mines and Mineral Industries contain annual reports and biennial reports. Selected topics from these publications include yearly happenings and statistics of Pennsylvania mines, and the report of the Chief of Mining. The bulk of the current material is dated from 1904 to 1932.

Biographical / Historical

The Department of Mines was created in 1903 to succeed the Bureau of Mines, which had been established in the Department of Internal Affairs as the Board of Inspectors of Mines in 1888, then changed to the Bureau of Mines in 1897. The name of the Department was changed in 1956 to Mines and Mineral Industries. In 1971 the Department of Mines and Mineral Industries was abolished, and its powers and duties transferred to the newly created Department of Environmental Resources.

Legacy Agency Names and Related Agencies

Department of Internal Affairs (former parent agency of Bureau of Mines), Board of Inspectors of Mines (former agency name), Bureau of Mines (former agency name), Department of Mines (former agency name), Department of Environmental Resources (successor agency)

General

For state documents concerning the Board of Inspectors of Mines or the Bureau of Mines (before departmental organization in 1903), refer to the state documents of the Department of Internal Affairs.

General

Annual reports of the Inspectors of Mines, the Bureau of Mines, and the Department of Mines from 1888 to 1930 are available on the Internet Archive: <https://archive.org/search?query=report+mines+pennsylvania>.

Other Finding Aids

For more information concerning the records of the Department of Mines and Mineral Industries at the Pennsylvania State Archives, please visit:
<https://gencat.eloquent-systems.com/pennsylvania-state-archives/permalink.html?key=class159>.

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