

**DECISION**

**OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA**

No 774-N of 6 July 2017

**ON DEFINING THE PROCEDURE FOR INVENTORY-TAKING  
OF CLOSED MINING WASTE FACILITIES**

Based on point 15 of part 2 of Article 15 of the Subsoil Code of the Republic of Armenia, the Government of the Republic of Armenia **decides:**

1. To define the procedure for inventory-taking of closed mining waste facilities, pursuant to the Annex.
2. This Decision shall enter into force on the tenth day following the date of its official promulgation.

**Prime Minister  
of the Republic of Armenia**

**K. Karapetyan**

7 July 2017

Yerevan

**Annex**  
**to Decision of the Government**  
**of the Republic of Armenia**  
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**PROCEDURE**  
**FOR INVENTORY-TAKING OF CLOSED MINING WASTE FACILITIES**

1. This Procedure shall regulate the relations pertaining to the methodology of inventory taking of closed mining waste facilities and form of the summary information sheet for inventory-taking.
2. The information obtained during the inventory will serve as a basis for developing measures for determining the level of environmental pollution in the area of closed mining waste facilities, assessing the damage caused to the environment and reducing, neutralising or eliminating the pollution.
3. The inventory-taking of closed mining waste facilities shall include the following actions:
  - (1) identification of closed facilities;
  - (2) preparation of the information sheet for inventory taking;
  - (3) classification of the facility according to the class of hazard.
4. The inventory-taking shall be carried out in two phases:
  - (1) study of information materials regarding projects, reports on closed mining waste facilities, state balance of mineral resources, application of experimental technologies for re-processing of minerals;
  - (2) field studies.

5. During the field studies, a study of the closed mining waste facilities and adjacent areas of shall be conducted through on-site inspection, sampling and chemical analysis of the samples. As a result of the field studies, exhaustive information on the following issues must be provided:
  - (1) type of the facility (tailing dumps, slag accumulators, sludge accumulators, etc.)
  - (2) surface occupied by the facility;
  - (3) volume of mining waste accumulated in the facility;
  - (4) aggregate state of waste accumulated in the facility;
  - (5) chemical composition of waste accumulated in the facility;
  - (6) determining the class of hazard of the facility;
  - (7) determining the limits of the zone of harmful influence of the facility.
  - (8) study of the nature of environmental pollution.
6. Based on the results of the field studies, a summary information sheet on the facility for mining waste placement shall be drawn up, according to the Form.
7. The assessment of the hazard class of the closed mining waste facility shall be carried out based on the their possible harmful influence on the environment, as well as composition of the mining waste accumulated in the facility, distance of the facility from settlements and location thereof.
8. The hazard class of the closed mining waste facility shall predetermine the priorities of the measures to be carried out therein (utilisation, re-processing, conservation, etc.).
9. Inventory-taking activities shall be carried out by the authorised state administration body of nature protection sphere in the field of environmental protection.

**Chief of Staff of the Government  
of the Republic of Armenia**

**V. Stepanyan**

**SUMMARY INFORMATION SHEET FOR INVENTORY-TAKING  
OF CLOSED MINING WASTE FACILITIES**

| NN i/s | Name                                                      | Characteristic                                                                                                                                                             |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.     | Location area                                             | The location of the facility shall be indicated: marz, community.                                                                                                          |
| 2.     | Type of the facility                                      | tailing dump, slag accumulator, sludge accumulator, underground mining, heap, etc.                                                                                         |
| 3.     | Facility capacity, m <sup>3</sup>                         | The approximate volume of mining waste actually accumulated in the facility shall be indicated.                                                                            |
| 4.     | Aggregate state of waste accumulated in the facility      | solid, liquid, pasty, suspension, etc.                                                                                                                                     |
| 5.     | Chemical composition of waste accumulated in the facility | Information on the chemical composition of the waste shall be submitted.                                                                                                   |
| 6.     | Facility surface, m <sup>2</sup>                          | The surface occupied by the facility shall be indicated.                                                                                                                   |
| 7.     | Distance of the facility from settlements, m              | The distance to the nearest residential areas shall be indicated.                                                                                                          |
| 8.     | Location of the facility                                  | Information on the location of the closed waste placement facility in the area of the facilities of special regulation of urban development activities shall be submitted. |
| 9.     | Hazard class of the facility                              | It shall be presented according to the possible harmful influence of the facility on the environment.                                                                      |
| 10.    | Information on the owner of the facility                  | Name of the legal person (if available)                                                                                                                                    |