

CCC 33.03.010, Definitions

(66) "Mineral extraction" means activities involved in the extraction and processing of minerals from the earth for industrial, commercial, or construction uses, excluding water. For the purpose of this chapter, removal of solid materials from the earth is not deemed mineral extraction until the activity collectively results in more than three acres of land being disturbed or that result in pit walls more than 30 feet high and steeper than one horizontal to one vertical. This definition does not include disturbances greater than three acres of land during any time period if the cumulative area that has not been rehabilitated according to the State's reclamation requirements outlined in Chapter [78.44](#) RCW is less than three acres. Farming, road construction, mineral exploration testing and site preparation for construction shall not be deemed mineral extraction activities.