

Mine Reclamation Case Study¹

Maryland Department of the Environment honors industries and gives awards to companies that make an effort to return a mine site to productive use. In 2001, MDE Awarded the **VINDEX ABANDONED MINE LAND RECLAMATION PROJECT**.

Use the resources below to find out more about the project and respond to the questions.

- <http://www.osmre.gov/award01md.htm>
- <http://www.mde.state.md.us/Programs/WaterPrograms/MiningInMaryland/ReclamRevitalize/vindexReclamation.asp>
- <http://www.osmre.gov/awardsami/Maryland01.pdf>

1. What was the original mining operation? When was the area last mined?

2. When did the project begin?

3. What were some of the environmental conditions which needed to be considered?

4. What specific measures were involved in the reclamation project?

¹ Adapted from Teach Coal (<http://www.teachcoal.org>)

5. What was the goal of the project?

6. How is the land being used now?

Who were some of the professionals involved?