



### **What is the difference between Closure and Reclamation?**

Closure and reclamation are two different regulatory programs that are often confused. Both programs are administered by the Division for mine facilities and are both focused on eliminating environmental impacts at the end of the life of the facility (or at the end of the life of a particular part of the facility while the rest of the facility remains active). Permanent closure is the removal, mitigation, or chemical stabilization of all of the sources of pollutants at the facility. Reclamation includes activities, such as regrading and revegetating, to return the mine site to a productive post-mining land use, but also includes activities such as process fluid stabilization, interim fluid management, and managing mine-impacted water, which overlap with permanent closure requirements. Each mine facility must comply with the requirements of both programs.