

## **Timeline of Non-Coal Mining Legislation**

1971 – The Arkansas General Assembly passed Act 236 of 1971, the Arkansas Open-Cut Land Reclamation Act.

1977 – Act 236 was modified and became known as Act 336 of 1977.

1991 – More modifications were made, resulting in Act 827 of 1991, which deals with the reclamation of land affected by the mining of non-coal minerals using open-cut mining methods.

1995 – An amendment to Act 827 was passed, authorizing the regulation of the practice of removing sand and gravel from the beds of streams in Arkansas.

1997 – Act 1166 of 1997 was passed to provide a regulatory framework for the operation, reclamation, and safe closure of new stone quarries.

1999 – Another amendment to Act 827 authorized the regulation of soil and shale pits with some exemptions based on the size of the pit and the distance from adjacent property lines.

2005 – Another amendment to Act 827 authorized ADEQ to develop and issue general permits.