

Mineral Resources National Policy

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Mineral's policy

- Policy maker: Minister of Environment and Energy
- Policy instrument type: Ad hoc committee (general secretary coordination, high level civil servants related to minerals production)
- Other ministry involvement depends on the subject/circumstance and is often decided by the minister. There are no formal procedural rules
- Policy on: exploration/exploitation
mineral and metallurgical processing
mine-quarry closure /
post close activities
mine waste

Mineral's policy contains:

Opinions/Consents that no problems or disturbances are to be created to archaeological monuments/sites, local residents, buildings and built-up areas, public works & networks etc.

Originated from administration

Environmental Impact Assessment Approval

Originated from administration and regional stakeholders



Exploitation Planning Approval



Mineral's Policy

- Communication exists between regional government authorities and ministry on a regular basis regarding technical and legal subjects
- Ministry has evaluate the policy through the data statistics provided by the companies
- There is no formal mechanism to detect/evaluate a policy problem

Stakeholder involvement

- Public consultation both at a national, regional and local level, citizens, private sector etc.
- A draft legislation or even policy initiative by the government, posted in a blog like platform prior to their submission to parliament (www.opengov.gr).
- Citizens and organisations can post their comments, suggestions and criticisms article-by-article.
- Negotiation report (approvals-rejections)
- Final draft >>>>to the parliament

National Committee



Ministerial Decision 7/6685/905/10.04.2012

Establishment of National Committee for Mineral Resources

the objective:

advisory group with a permanent and continuous
role in national mining strategy

National Committee (cont.)



- Processing views and proposals for developing long-term strategy for Mineral Wealth
- Opinion on drafts (law, presidential decrees, administrative regulations, EU directives)
- Opinion on policy issues such as mining, competition, international trade, unfair trade practices etc
- Opinion on promotional aspects of large mining investments
- Opinion on issues submitted by the Minister

National Committee (cont.)



- designed to
 - establish an institutionalized structure to facilitate collaboration between administration-academia-enterprises-employees
 - implementation of the National Policy for the Exploration of Mineral Resources
 - Land-use planning
 - updating of the mining/quarry legislation
 - promotion of dialogue-social license
 - Education-Research-Innovation
- since 2012>>not active

National Committee (cont.)



consists of:

- General Secretary for energy and mineral resources (chair)
- National Legal adviser
- The sum of directors of general directorate of mineral resources
- The General Director of general directorate of environment
- The General Director of the Institute of Geology and Mineral exploration
- Academic Staff (the Heads of all the univ. depts of mining engineering & geological sciences)
- Representative of Technical+Geotechnical Chambers
- “ “ of the main labour union
- “ “ of mining enterprises association
- “ “ of Hellenic Federation of Enterprises

National Committee (cont.)



The role of academia in policy:

Knowledge for the enhancement and implementation of the best practices that prevent or reduce and rehabilitate the impact of the extractive industry to the environment and human health



Link between the policy and innovation

National Committee (cont.)



- The importance of the composition
 - High level representatives from the non governmental sector
 - Securing policy implementation overtime in a consistent, transparent and uniform way

Thank you for your attention