

## **Article 902: EXCAVATION REGULATIONS**

(Adopted December, 1990, Amended August, 2011)

### **902.1 GENERAL PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY**

Chapter 155-E of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated requires that, with several exceptions, all mining and excavation operations in the State obtain prior approval and permit from the local municipality in which the operation is to occur. The purpose of the Statute and of this locally adopted Excavation Ordinance is to minimize safety hazards created by open excavations; to safeguard the public health and welfare; to preserve our natural assets of soil, water, forests and wildlife; to maintain aesthetic features of our environment; to prevent land and water pollution; and to promote soil stabilization.

### **902.2 PERMITS AND BONDS**

All excavations in the Town of Kingston shall require a permit granted by the Kingston Planning Board. The Town requires compliance with RSA 155-E as well as adherence to other applicable local ordinances and regulations. In addition to RSA 155-E, the Town of Kingston requires reclamation bonding to insure proper site restoration upon cessation of excavation. The amount of this bond will be proposed by the applicant and approved by the Planning Board's agent. The process for this bonding follows that found in Article 907, Performance and Maintenance Guarantee Procedures.