Important reminder: laws vary from state to state

State mining laws
  • Typically regulate reclamation, financial assurance, and aspects of operations

State underground injection control programs
  • Allows states to regulate injection of pollution into groundwater
  • Subject to minimum federal standards

State water protection laws
  • Regulate discharge of pollutants into surface waters, eg. streams and rivers
  • Subject to minimum federal standards

State air quality laws
  • Allows states to regulate air pollutants, including, in some cases, radionuclides
  • Subject to minimum federal standards

Agreement state status
  • Approved by NRC
  • Allows states to regulate ISL mines and uranium mills

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