

# Exhibit A

Whatcom County Code

Chapter 20.73 Mineral Resource Lands Special District (MRL)

## **20.73.150 Conditional uses.**

. **153** Surface mining subject to Washington State's Surface Mining Act (Chapter [78.44](#) RCW); provided, that:

(9) When mineral extraction is proposed within 500 feet of a gas or petroleum transmission pipeline, a site specific geotechnical analysis of potential impacts to the pipeline is required. The analysis shall show that mining will not result in an increased likelihood of the pipeline becoming exposed or rupturing during an earthquake, and shall consider various seismic scenarios with a 2 percent probability of exceedance in 50 years on both proximal crustal faults and at the Cascadia Subduction Zone.

Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan

Chapter 8 - Resource Lands

**Goal 8L:** Ensure mineral extraction industries do not adversely affect the people and other properties in the vicinity, by establishing appropriate and beneficial designation and resource conservation policies, while recognizing the rights of all property owners.

Policy 8L-9: Through a site specific geotechnical analysis of potential impacts, ensure mineral extraction within 500 feet of gas or petroleum transmission pipelines will not result in an increased likelihood of the pipeline becoming exposed or rupturing during an earthquake.