

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 451 of 1994**

**324.2145 Iron ore mining; public interest; acquisition of property; conditions.**

Sec. 2145. The business of mining and beneficiating low-grade iron ore, as defined in Act No. 77 of the Public Acts of 1951, being sections 211.621 to 211.626 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and the business of the beneficiating and agglomerating of underground iron ore as defined in Act No. 68 of the Public Acts of 1963, being sections 207.271 to 207.279 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, are declared to be in the public interest and necessary to the public welfare, and the acquisition of private property for development of an adequate water supply, for development of the necessary storage, and for processing and treatment of liquid and solid wastes or other nonmarketable products resulting from the business is declared to be for a public purpose. The department may acquire by condemnation parcels of land that are needed for the establishment of areas, settling ponds, and basins for the storage, processing, and treatment of the wastes or other products, together with the necessary appurtenant canals, pipelines, power lines, sluiceways, roadways, dams, and dikes. The department shall lease, convey, or exchange such parcels of land to any person engaged in or proposing to engage in the business of mining and beneficiating low-grade iron ore or beneficiating and agglomerating underground iron ore, or both, upon a showing to the satisfaction of the department that the person has acquired at least 75% of the necessary land and that the person has been unable to purchase the remaining necessary parcels at a fair market value, and upon the further showing to the satisfaction of the department that the remaining parcels are necessary for the development and operation of the water supply areas, settling ponds, and basins to prevent the unlawful pollution of waters of the state or to comply with the requirements of other public agencies of the state. This subpart does not authorize the taking of any property owned by a political subdivision of the state or devoted to or used for a public or railroad purpose or the taking of any private property lying within the limits of any incorporated city or village or lands within a recorded plat in an unincorporated village.

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