

Arizona Mine Reclamation L.L.C.



LEVEL Ø

Vertical (shaft), Horizontal (adit)

Level Ø (zero) protection is classified as a complete non re-enterable, sealed, closure usually reserved for the purpose of reclamation of an abandoned mine site by use of placing fill or aggregate to permanently close said mine. This activity will be in conjunction with other state and/or federal authorities having jurisdiction over the intended site undergoing reclamation work activity. This level of closure as required will require a signoff from the Arizona Game and Fish Department to ensure no wildlife is threatened or environmentally displaced by said closure. It will be the responsibility of the contracting agency to clear reclamation site with the Arizona Game and Fish Department prior to contracting out for closure.

This level of closure presents a potential problem to wildlife management, do impart to a delay of closure activity from the time of the wildlife survey request activity is performed. This delay may result in wildlife inhabitants moving into closure site since the Arizona Game and Fish Department declared it free of wildlife and cleared for closure. As a result it is Arizona Mine Reclamation L.L.C. policy and goal when accepting contracts for a Level Ø closure to include a disclaimer that the reclamation site is subject to our onsite inspection, prior to backfill activity, to the best of our ability to ensure no wildlife has taken up residency before commencing work activity. If wildlife is found to have taken up residency then all work must and will stop, the appropriate contracting agency will be notified of findings, and the Arizona Game and Fish Department will be notified. It will be up to the contracting agency and the Arizona Game and Fish Department to determine if and when reclamation work for this level of protection may resume or if another level of protection would be better suited (i.e. level 1 thru 6).

- See Accompanying **Level Ø-HA, V, VC, FP** Drafts •