

Handout for testimony regarding Slate Quarry Exemption to Act 250:

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scheduled to testify by phone on 3/19/19

Please view a hearing held in 2015 by Rep. David Deen's committee The one hour video is still accessible at <https://vimeo.com/126458374>.

If you are familiar with Google Earth, start a flyover going from West Pawlet to Fair Haven. You can keep the NY/VT border in your screen and see the difference between the states. The "slate valley" is on both sides of the line and Granville New York used to have a sign saying "Welcome to the Colored Slate Capital of the World". It no longer does.

If you would prefer an aerial view from a plane visit

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4WbsYbNNz-A&feature=youtu.be>

If you can, take a quick look at New York's 1975 Mined Land Reclamation law that applies pretty much the same standards to whatever is being extracted see:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5020.html>

I spoke with someone from a company called Continental Placer around 2013. At that time their business centered on advising New York mining companies on the design of reclamation plans and meeting the requirements of the New York law. They, or someone like them, could potentially assist either the commission or Vermont's slate companies to comply with Act 250 extraction standards.

<http://www.continentalplacer.com/our-projects.html>