

The department shall make, or cause to be made, quantitative determinations of ores and minerals when submitted for the purpose, that are from original prospects or properties within the state of ~~Illinois~~ and shall mail to the sender the results obtained within 10 working days after receipt of samples; said service shall be performed by the department without charge to the sender and shall be rendered in exchange for information for the records of the department, stating the name and residence of the sender together with a history of the ore or mineral, giving as nearly as possible the location from which the sample was taken, including the name of the county, and any other matters that may be beneficial touching the same. All determination shall be performed under the following rules and regulations and subject to the following restrictions:

(a) No sample submitted by engineers sampling prospects or mines for the purpose of evaluation, or submitted by operating mines milling or shipping ore, or hiring labor, shall be accepted by the department for assay and/or analysis, except they be taken in the field by members of the department's staff in conducting the work of the department within the scope of this act.

(b) The number of samples which any single person or group of persons may submit shall be limited to ~~one~~ in any 30 day period and all samples shall be assayed or analyzed by the department in the order received, as far as possible.

(c) All information received and results of determination sent out shall be open to public inspection and may be published by the department.

(d) Before any work is done on the material submitted, all information required must be possessed by the department and the 10 day limit for reports will count from the time such data are received by the department.