

The Kosse Mine

The Kosse Mine's Environmental Mining Permit

On January 12, 2006, the TXU Mining Company submitted a mine permit application to the Railroad Commission of Texas (RCT) to begin surface mining operations at the 10,590-acre Kosse Mine. There are 11 mine operators in Texas holding 21 surface-coal mine permits (270,590 acres). TXU Mining currently holds six regulatory permits for mining on more than 109,000 acres in Texas with an additional 15,109 acres pending RCT approval.

TXU's proposed Kosse Mine:

- Located in Robertson and Limestone counties, 6.5 miles east of Kosse.
- Bisected by the east-west running Texas State Highway 7.
- Start-up construction activities will take 1–2 years.
- Mined acreage will be reclaimed to approximate pre-mine topography and revegetated with state-approved species.
- Land uses will be restored in a timely fashion and emphasize pastureland (77%), fish and wildlife habitat (20%), and ponds (3%).
- The permit application submitted to the RCT on January 12 has been declared "Administratively Complete" and is now under technical review by the RCT Surface Mining & Reclamation Division.
- Permit application includes environmental baseline studies, detailed engineering plans for structures, mine operations plans, and reclamation plans (e.g., Land Use, Fish & Wildlife, Surface Water Control Plans, etc.).
- Public Notice process:
 - File application with county clerks (Limestone and Robertson).
 - Publish in local newspapers for four consecutive weeks.
 - 45-day public comment period.
- Other permits are required from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (wetlands) and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (air, water, solid waste).