

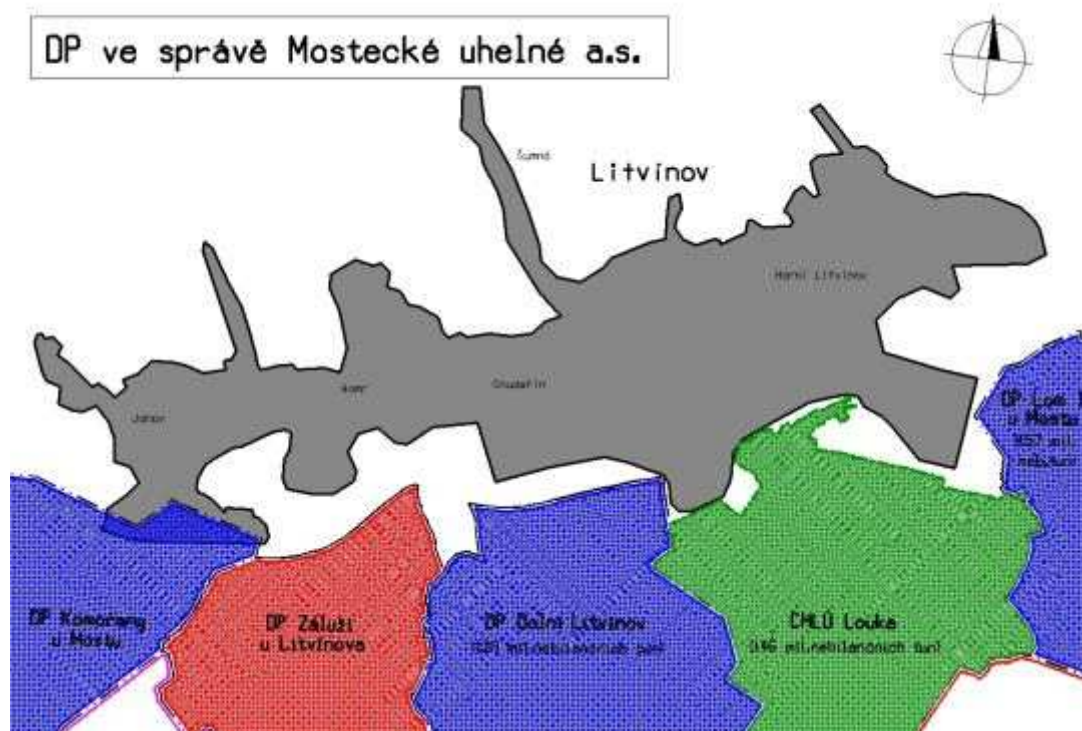
Relevant dates: Decisions whereby working districts and protected mineral estates were abolished in the Litvínov area

Louka u Litvínova

- **November 1999:** Ministry of Industry and Trade decided to write off the reserves in the listed deposit
- **November 2000:** MUS filed a motion **for the abolishment of the Louka u Litvínova working district** with the District Mining Office in Most
- **February 2001:** The District Mining Office in Most **abolished the Louka u Litvínova working district**. This decision was not to the prejudice of the protected mineral estate established by the law through a Ministry of Industry decision of 9 February 1970
- **August 2001:** Ministry of the Environment decided to change the boundaries of the Louka u Litvínova mineral estate.
- **December 2004:** MUS sent a request that a different juristic person, **Geofond of the Czech Republic, be authorised to protect and keep records of protected mineral estates ('CHLÚ')** to the Ministry of the Environment. In its request MUS noted that the deposits in question were not promising and exploiting them would be uneconomical, and that MUS was not considering opening them as surface mines in the future. These deposits were: Pluto, Barbora, Jaroslav, Svornost, 1. máj, Jan Žižka, and S K Neumann
- **September 2005:** MUS sent a request that a different juristic person be authorised to **protect and keep records of protected mineral estates ('CHLÚ')** to the Czech Geological Service – Geofond.

Hamr I and II near Litvínov

- **December 1994:** Ministry of Economy decided to write off the reserves in the listed deposit
- **October 1995:** MUS filed a motion **for the abolishment of the Hamr I and Hamr II working districts** with the District Mining Office in Most
- **October 1995:** The District Mining Office in Most **abolished the Hamr I and Hamr II working districts near Litvínov**
- **April 1996:** Ministry of the Environment granted MUS's request and **abolished the Hamr I and Hamr II protected mineral estates near Litvínov**.



The map shows working districts (DP, see the definition of terms) and the protected mineral estate (CHLÚ, see the definition of terms) near Litvinov. The working districts have been abolished and the boundaries of the protected mineral estate have been significantly adjusted. A part of one of the working districts reaches the limits of Janov. However, the boundaries of the working district, which was delineated many years ago when the town was very far from the working district, are not identical with the future boundaries of the surface mine that would reach Litvinov to a distance of no more than about 500 metres by 2030. Should MUS fail to comply with the statutory limits applicable to environmental protection, the boundaries of the surface mine would stop at an even greater distance from Litvinov.

Definitions of terms:

Working district – an exactly delineated area allocated to an organisation for exploiting a listed deposit;

Protected mineral estate – an exactly delineated area set out for protecting the listed deposits that form the Czech Republic's mineral resources against any prevention or encumbrance of the exploitation of these deposits;

Surface mine's boundaries – they delineate the actual or planned (designed) progress of the quarry as at a certain date (month, year, final situation...);

Front zone – the area in front of the (upper) boundary of a surface mine, which is not affected by extraction, or the area in front of the foot of a spoil bank; the extent of such areas is usually subject to more precise specifications.