

187. Any operator or landowner, notwithstanding the operator may have registered as required by Section 180 of this sub-title, who shall be aggrieved by any requirement of this sub-title or any administrative regulation, directive or order making application of the provisions of this sub-title, shall have the right to file a petition in the Circuit Court of the county where he is located, alleging therein the action complained of and praying for remedy thereof, and the said court shall proceed therein by rule or rules upon the Director of the Bureau of Mines to show cause why the petitioner should not have the remedy prayed for by his, her or its petition. The court in such proceedings shall make such procedural orders as may be necessary for facilitating and expediting hearings and dispositions of the matters complained of. From the decision of the said court an appeal may be taken by either party to the Court of Appeals of Maryland as in other causes. Every such petition shall specify the petitioner's objection to the action of the Director, and the Director shall make answer thereto and certify to the said court, the record of the proceedings to which the petition refers.

188. If the operator fails or refuses to comply with the requirements of the sub-title in any respect for which liability has been charged on the bond, the Director shall declare such portion of the bond forfeited, and shall certify the same to the Attorney General, who shall proceed to sue out and collect the amount of liability forfeited thereon, and shall direct the State Treasurer to pay said funds into the Open Pit Mining Reclamation Fund. Any operator aggrieved by reason of forfeiting the bond as herein provided, shall have a right to contest such action and appeal as provided in Section 187 of this sub-title.

189. Any operator who proceeds to mine bituminous coal or fire clay by the open pit mining method without having registered, as herein provided, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) nor more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). The fine shall be payable to the county in which the violation occurs.

190. The provisions of this sub-title shall not apply to Garrett County or to any person, partnership or corporation who does not mine in excess of two hundred and fifty (250) tons of coal in any period of twelve successive calendar months.

191. All funds received by the Director from registration fees, and from forfeiture of bonds, shall be held by the State