

days thereafter, file an amended certificate and additional bond. If the area actually affected by open pit mining during the year is less than the estimate, the ~~secretary~~ DIRECTOR shall issue a release of the surplus of the bond or deposit upon which liability has not been charged as aforesaid.

648H. If the operator continues to engage in open pit mining of bituminous coal beyond the period for which the certificate has been filed, a renewal of the certificate shall be filed with the Bureau of Mines together with a bond or deposit in accordance therewith, as hereinbefore provided in the case of the original certificate.

648-I. Within one year after the operation is completed, the operator shall place sufficient overburden in the open cut to cover the exposed face of the unmined coal, which shall begin at least three feet above the top of the coal and shall extend to the bottom of the pit at an angle not to exceed forty-five (45) degrees, except high walls where strip mining cuts into active worked out or abandoned deep mine workings, in which case the angle shall not exceed forty-five (45) degrees from the top of such wall to the bottom thereof, and the peaks and ridges of spoilbanks shall be leveled and rounded off to such an extent as will permit the planting of trees, grasses or shrubs, and rejected coal and combustive material shall not be used on the high wall bank: Provided, however, that if the operator desires to conduct drift mining upon the premises he may designate drift locations at which places it will not be necessary to so place overburden over the face of the coal. Such drift locations shall be described in the completion report and designated on the map attached thereto: Provided also, that if the operator desires to use the open cut as a haulageway for the removal of coal from other operations, he may, with the consent of the Director, postpone the covering of the exposed face of the unmined coal for the duration of such use.

648J. Within one year after the open pit mining operations on the premises are terminated, the operator shall plant trees, shrubs or grasses upon the lands affected by open pit mining, and, if the Director of the ~~Department of Forests and Parks~~ BUREAU OF MINES shall find as a fact that such planting is reasonable, practicable and likely to succeed, when deemed necessary, the ~~Secretary~~ DIRECTOR may extend the period for planting trees, shrubs or grasses beyond the limitations of the period of time provided in this sub-title. Such planting shall be done in accordance with a plan or procedure prescribed by the Director of the ~~Department of Forests and Parks~~ BUREAU OF MINES. The trees, shrubs or grasses shall become the property of the landowner, unless the operator and the landowner agree otherwise. The operator may secure the seeds, plants or seedlings, from any source approved by the Director of the ~~Department of Forests and Parks~~ BUREAU OF MINES, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE OWNER OR OPERATOR MAY BE EXCUSED OR DISCHARGED FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION IF, IN THE DETERMINATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF MINES, THE PLANTING OF SUCH AREA IS NOT PRACTICAL. ANY OWNER OF THE LAND OR AREA WHICH HAS BEEN STRIPPED MAY, UPON APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF MINES, HAVE THE RIGHT AND PRIVILEGE TO ESTABLISH A POND IN LIEU OF BACK-FILLING SAID AREA, PROVIDED THAT THE