

acres at each operation under one permit to be issued for each such operation by the Director, provided, that no bond shall be for less than [four hundred dollars (\$400.00)] *one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200.00)*. [During the stripping operation under such permit, the Director of the Bureau of Mines may require an additional bond if, in his determination, the original bond is not sufficient, or he may require the operator to back fill before stripping any further area under the permit, and for failure of the operator to comply, the Director may stop the further operations under the permit granted; however, the original or any additional bond required of the operator may be released during such operation to the extent that the terms of the bond have been complied with concerning any acre or acres. The Director of the Bureau of Mines shall refuse a permit for any operation if, in his determination, the provisions of this sub-heading cannot be fully complied with.] *During the stripping operation under ANY such permit the operator shall backfill to the extent SO that the total area of land affected does not exceed ~~four~~ acres* THE ACREAGE FOR WHICH BOND HAS BEEN PROVIDED, *and upon failure to comply, the Director of the Bureau of Mines shall stop further removal of overburden until the area affected has been reduced to ~~four acres or less~~ by backfilling* THE ACREAGE FOR WHICH BOND HAS BEEN PROVIDED. *No additional permit shall be issued to any operator until he shall comply with the provisions of this section.* Liability under such bond shall be for the duration of open pit mining at each operation, and for a period of one year thereafter, unless released prior thereto in a manner elsewhere provided by this sub-heading. Such bond shall be signed by the operator and a corporate surety licensed to do business in the State; provided, however, that the operator may elect to deposit cash or United States Government securities with the Department in lieu of the surety bond hereinafter required. The cash deposit or par value of such securities shall be equal to the sum required for a bond and shall be upon the same terms and conditions. The Director of the Bureau of Mines, hereinafter called the "Director", shall, upon receipt of any such deposit of cash or securities, immediately place the same with the State Treasurer, whose duty it shall be to receive and hold the same in the name of the State, in trust, for the purposes for which such deposit is made. The State Treasurer shall at all times be responsible for the custody and safekeeping of such deposits. The operator making the deposit shall be entitled from time to time to demand and receive from the State Treasurer, on the written order of the secretary, the whole or any portion of any securities so deposited upon depositing with him, in lieu thereof, other United States Government securities of a par value at least equal to the sum required for a bond as aforesaid, and also to demand, receive and recover the interest and income from said securities as the same becomes due and payable; provided, however, that where securities deposited as aforesaid, mature or are called, the State Treasurer, at the request of the operator, shall convert such securities into other acceptable securities designated by the operator. Contemporaneous with, and as a condition precedent to, the filing of said certificate and any renewal thereof, the operator shall pay to the Department a filing fee of [two hundred dollars (\$200.00)] *fifty dollars (\$50.00)*.

661. Within [six (6) months] *thirty (30) days* after the operation is finished or abandoned, the operator shall file with Bureau of Mines,