

notify the operator by registered mail setting forth his reasons therefor. The operator may then take such steps as are required to remove the objections.

663. Bond Required for Each Operation.

(a) After receiving notification from the Director that an application for a permit has been approved, but prior to commencing open pit mining, the operator shall file with the Bureau a bond for each operation, on a form to be prescribed and furnished by the Bureau, payable to the State of Maryland and conditioned that the operator will faithfully perform all of the requirements of this sub-heading. The bond shall be for two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per acre based upon the number of acres of land affected, provided that no bond may be filed for less than sixteen hundred dollars (\$1,600.00). Liability under the bond shall be for the duration of open pit mining at each operation, and for a period of five years thereafter, unless released prior thereto or held on that portion reserved for haulageways, deep mining, and auger mining locations as hereinafter provided. The bond shall be executed by the operator and a corporate surety licensed to do business in the State of Maryland. The operator may elect to deposit cash or negotiable bonds of the United States Government with the Bureau in lieu of a corporate surety. The cash deposit or market value of such securities shall be equal at least to the required sum of the bond. The Director, upon receipt of any such deposit of cash or securities shall immediately place it with the State Treasurer, whose duty it is to receive and hold the bond in the name of the State, in trust, for the purposes for which the deposit is made. The State Treasurer at all times is responsible for the custody and safekeeping of such deposits. The operator making the deposit ~~is from time to time to~~ FROM TIME TO TIME MAY demand and receive from the State Treasurer of the whole or any portion of any securities so deposited, upon depositing with ~~him~~ THE STATE TREASURER, in lieu thereof, other negotiable securities of the classes herein specified having a market value at least equal to the sum of the bond.

(b) The operator, prior to commencing operations on any additional land exceeding the acreage covered by the original bond made in the application for a permit, shall post an additional bond. Upon receipt of the additional bond and such additional material as would have been required for the additional land had it been included in the original application to secure the permit, the Director of Bureau of Mines shall promptly issue an amended permit covering the additional acreage covered by the additional bond.

(c) No operator may strip any area in this State by open pit mining who has previously forfeited any bond posted pursuant to stripping activities or who has failed to pay royalties and wages due during such activities.

664. Monthly Report Required, Inspections and Enforcement.

(a) On or before the 25th day of each month, every operator of a coal stripping operation shall furnish the Bureau of Mines, on a form provided by the Bureau, an accurate monthly report of coal produced, number of employees and days worked, and also a report of all fatal and nonfatal accidents for the previous month. An