

(d) He shall seal off with a fill all openings from underground mining operations at the base of the final cut. The sealing off with a fill shall be done in such a way as to avoid creating danger from the impoundment of large quantities of water.

(e) If the operator proposes to impound water to provide lakes or ponds for wildlife, recreational or water supply purposes, he shall file formal request with the Department of Water Resources and receive approval before the ponds or lakes may be created ~~in~~ BY impounding water.

(f) An operator, with the written approval of the landowner, except where leases in existence on June 1, 1967, do not so provide or permit, may propose alternative plans for reclamation wherein the land can be used for suitable purposes. The alternate plans shall be submitted to the Director, and if they are approved by the Director and complied with within the times herein prescribed for backfilling and planting, or such other time limits as may be agreed upon as being reasonable for carrying out the plans, the backfilling and planting requirements shall be waived by the Bureau. Whenever reasonable and practicable, the Bureau shall require backfilling and planting as the open pit mining progresses. All backfilling shall be completed before backfilling equipment is moved from the operation.

#### 666. Completion Report.

(a) Within thirty (30) days after the operation is finished or abandoned, the operator shall file with the Bureau of Mines, a completion report, on a form to be prescribed and furnished by the Director, identifying the operation, stating the area of land affected by open pit mining, and stating whether the operator intends to carry on deep mining upon the premises. The operator shall attach to the completion report a map of the operation certified by a surveyor, showing the boundary lines of the tract or tracts, the access to the operation from the nearest public highway, the area of land affected by open pit mining, and the locations ~~reserved~~ RESERVED for deep mining.

(b) If the operator or other person desires to conduct deep mining upon the premises or to use the openings for haulageways or other lawful purposes, the operator may designate locations, subject to the approval of the Director, to be used for such purposes, at which places it will not be necessary to backfill as herein provided for until the deep mining or other use is completed, during which time the bond on file for that portion of such operation shall not be released. The area of each reserved opening and its location shall be described in the completion report and designated on the map attached thereto. When the backfilling and all necessary grading prior to planting have been completed on that portion of the entire area of land affected by the operation for the previous years, and reports filed by the inspector certify that it has been done in the manner prescribed by law, the Director shall release the bond which was filed for that portion of such operation in its full amount less fifty dollars (\$50.00) per acre, which shall be retained by the Director until such time as the planting is completed and certified by the State Forester as being done in a workmanlike manner, at which time the Director shall release the bond in the remaining amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per acre.