

*and revegetation of all lands disturbed by open-pit mining of bituminous coal within the State of Maryland. These plans, methods of procedure, and practical guidelines shall be submitted to the proper regulatory agency. Finally, the Committee is directed to review the strip mining laws of the State of Maryland to ensure compliance with the spirit of this act.*

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(c) The [Bureau] Director shall investigate every application for a license or for a renewal, and ~~it~~ HE shall not issue any new open-pit mining operator's license or renew any existing open-pit mining operator's license to any person or operator if ~~it~~ HE finds that the applicant for licensure or renewal has failed to correct a violation of the rules and regulations established under this subheading or to comply with any of the provisions of this subheading. If the applicant is a corporation, partnership, or association, the [Bureau] Director shall not issue such license or renewal if ~~it~~ HE finds that any officer or director or principal owner of such corporation, partnership or association, has previously failed and continues to fail to comply with any of the provisions of this subheading, or if any such officer or director or principal owner is or has been an officer or director or principal owner of any other corporation, partnership, or association, which has previously failed and continues to fail to comply with any of the provisions of this subheading. *Nor shall the Director issue any license or renewal to any person or operator who has forfeited any bond posted pursuant to strip mining activities in any state of the United States of America. If the applicant is a corporation, partnership or association, the Bureau DIRECTOR shall not issue such license or renewal if ~~it~~ HE finds that any officer or director or principal owner of such corporation, partnership or association, has previously forfeited any bond posted pursuant to strip mining activities in any state of the United States of America.*

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(b-1) *In addition to the information and maps otherwise required by this act, each application for a permit shall be accompanied by a detailed Mining and Reclamation Plan showing the manner, time and distance for backfilling, drainage, planting and general reclamation of the area affected. Such reclamation plans shall be reviewed AND APPROVED by the Land Reclamation Committee. and if the Committee does not approve the plan, the Director shall not approve the application involved. Failure of the Committee to act upon the reclamation plan within sixty (60) days after its submission to the Director shall constitute approval of the plan.* THE COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE A HEARING WITH THE OPERATOR WITHIN 15 FIFTEEN DAYS AFTER SUBMISSION OF THE PLAN. AFTER SAID HEARING THE PROPOSED PLANS SHALL BE APPROVED, REJECTED OR MODIFIED BY THE COMMITTEE. IF THE COMMITTEE TAKES NO ACTION UPON THE PLAN WITHIN (10) TEN DAYS AFTER THE HEARING THE PLAN SHALL BE CONSIDERED APPROVED. IF THE PLAN IS REJECTED OR MODIFIED BY THE COMMITTEE THE OPERATOR SHALL BE NOTIFIED IN WRITING OF THE REASONS FOR REJECTION AND/OR THE MODIFICATIONS SUGGESTED. THE OPERATOR MAY RESUBMIT THE PLAN WITH THE COMMITTEE'S REQUESTED CORRECTIONS