

WITH THE OPERATOR WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER SUBMISSION OF THE PLAN. AFTER THE HEARING, THE COMMITTEE SHALL EITHER APPROVE, REJECT, OR MODIFY THE PROPOSED PLAN. IF IT TAKES NO ACTION ON THE PROPOSED PLAN WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER THE HEARING, THE PLAN SHALL BE CONSIDERED APPROVED. IF THE PLAN IS REJECTED OR MODIFIED, THE OPERATOR SHALL BE NOTIFIED IN WRITING OF THE REASON FOR REJECTION OR THE SUGGESTED MODIFICATION. THE OPERATOR MAY RESUBMIT THE PLAN TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU WITH THE COMMITTEE'S REQUESTED CORRECTIONS OR MODIFICATIONS. IF THE CHANGES ARE CORRECTED, THE DIRECTOR MAY ISSUE THE PERMIT. IF THE COMMITTEE REJECTS THE PLAN, THE DIRECTOR MAY NOT APPROVE THE APPLICATION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as Article 66C, section 662(b-1) of the Code. The only changes made are in style.

(E) SPECIAL RECLAMATION FEES.—IN ADDITION TO ANY FEE REQUIRED IN THIS SUBTITLE, EVERY APPLICANT FOR A PERMIT TO SURFACE MINE COAL SHALL PAY THE DIRECTOR, BEFORE THE PERMIT IS ISSUED, A SPECIAL RECLAMATION FEE OF \$30 FOR EACH ACRE OF LAND AFFECTED. THE STATE SHALL CONTRIBUTE AN EQUAL AMOUNT. THIS FEE SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN THE BITUMINOUS COAL OPEN-PIT MINING RECLAMATION FUND. THE PAYMENT SHALL BE BASED ON THE SAME NUMBER OF ACRES AS THAT FOR WHICH A BOND IS REQUIRED. EACH YEAR, THE GOVERNOR SHALL PLACE AN ITEM IN THE STATE BUDGET TO PROVIDE FOR THE MATCHING MONEY REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION. THE MATCHING FUNDS MAY BE PROVIDED BY THE STATE IN THE CURRENT BUDGET AT THE TIME THE PERMIT IS ISSUED OR IN THE NEXT SUCCEEDING STATE BUDGET.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as Article 66C, section 662(c) of the Code. The only changes made are in style.

(F) PREVENTION OF STREAM POLLUTION.—THE OPERATOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PREVENTION OF STREAM POLLUTION IN EXCESS OF STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as Article 66C, section 662(d) of the Code. The only changes made are in style.

(G) CONSENT OF LANDOWNER.—UNLESS A LEASE IN EXISTENCE ON JUNE 1, 1967 DOES NOT SO PROVIDE OR PERMIT, THE APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT SHALL INCLUDE, ON