

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section 7-510(a) and 7-511
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 7-510(a) and 7-511 of Article - Natural Resources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

7-510.

(a) The Committee shall establish a revegetation bond for each open-pit mining operation at the time of approval of the mining and reclamation plan. The amount of the bond shall be based on the estimated revegetation cost for the area affected by the operation. The bond shall be cash or negotiable securities, or a surety or performance bond and may not be less than \$50 per acre. The bond shall be deposited by the operator with the Bureau. On receipt of any deposit, the director immediately shall place it with the State Treasurer, who shall hold the deposit in the name of the State, in trust, for the purpose for which the deposit is made. When the Committee approves the mining and reclamation final report, including the planting report [the State Forester files] FILED under the provisions of §7-511, the director of the Bureau shall release the bond in accordance with the provisions set forth in this subtitle. A certificate of deposit is acceptable instead of a corporate surety if the certificate of deposit is in an amount equivalent to the required bond, issued by a bank in the State and accompanied by the written agreement of the bank to pay on demand to the State in the event of forfeiture.

7-511.

Within one week after planting is completed, the operator shall file a planting report with the [director of the] bureau on a form furnished by the bureau, giving the following information: identification of the operation, type of planting, date of planting, area of land planted, and other relevant information the [director] BUREAU requires. The [director shall submit this report to the State Forester, who either in person or by his designee] BUREAU shall inspect the premises within one month after the planting report is filed[. If the State Forester finds] TO DETERMINE IF the planting has been done in a workmanlike manner [and the area reported has been planted] in accordance with the