

THE PLANTING REPORT REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (B), THE DEPARTMENT MAY RELEASE A PORTION OF THE LIABILITY ON THE BOND REQUIRED BY § 7-506(B) IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS SET FORTH IN § 7-506(C). THE DEPARTMENT SHALL AT ALL TIMES RETAIN BONDS IN THE AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO INSURE COMPLETION OF THE RECLAMATION PLAN BY THE DEPARTMENT IN THE EVENT OF FORFEITURE, WHICH AMOUNT MAY NOT BE LESS THAN \$10,000.

(B) Within [one week] 2 WEEKS after planting is completed, the operator shall file a planting report with the [Bureau] DEPARTMENT on a form furnished by the [Bureau] DEPARTMENT, giving the following information: identification of the operation, type of planting, date of planting, area of land planted, and other relevant information the [Bureau] DEPARTMENT requires. The [Bureau] DEPARTMENT shall inspect the premises within one month after the planting report is filed to determine if the planting has been done [in a workmanlike manner] in accordance with the [prescribed] APPROVED RECLAMATION plan [or procedure]. If the [Bureau] DEPARTMENT determines that the reported area has been [revegetated and the Committee gives its approval as required under § 7-510 of this subtitle or if the operator has been relieved from the obligation to plant trees, shrubs, or grasses as provided in this subtitle, the director shall release the bond and collateral in proportion to the area planted or relieved from planting. On this release, the State Treasurer shall return immediately to the operator the amount of cash or securities specified in the release.] PLANTED ACCORDING TO THE APPROVED PLAN THE REPORT SHALL BE APPROVED. IF THE REPORT IS APPROVED, THE OPERATOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUCCESSFUL REVEGETATION OF THE REPORTED AREA FOR A PERIOD OF 5 FULL YEARS AFTER THE APPROVAL UNLESS LIABILITY IS EXTENDED BY THE COMMITTEE OR DEPARTMENT TO INSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE, RULES AND REGULATIONS OR PERMIT CONDITIONS. NOT SOONER THAN 2 YEARS AFTER THE REPORT IS APPROVED, THE DEPARTMENT MAY RELEASE A PORTION OF THE REVEGETATION BOND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 7-506 PROVIDED THAT, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL AT ALL TIMES RETAIN BONDS IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO INSURE RECLAMATION BY THE DEPARTMENT IN THE EVENT OF FORFEITURE, WHICH AMOUNT MAY NOT BE LESS THAN \$10,000.

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If the [State Forester] DEPARTMENT does not approve the planting REPORT, [he] IT shall notify [the Bureau and] the operator in writing, setting forth [his] THE reasons. The operator shall take the steps required to remove any objection.

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(A) If the operator fails or refuses to comply with the requirements of this subtitle in any respect for which liability has been charged on the bond, the director shall declare the bond forfeited, and certify the case to the