- (I) [identification] IDENTIFICATION of the
 operation[,];
 - (II) [type] TYPE of planting[,];
 - (III) [date] DATE of planting[,];
 - (IV) [area] AREA of land planted[,]; and
- (V) [other] OTHER relevant information the Department requires.
- within one month after the planting report is filed to determine if the planting has been done in accordance with the approved reclamation plan. If the Department determines that the reported area has been 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 OF THIS SUBTITLE. [provided that,] HOWEVER, 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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- (b) The amount of the bond required shall be for a maximum of \$750 per acre based on the number of acres of affected land covered by the permit[, but no]. BUT, A bond may NOT be filed for less than \$7,500[, provided, however, that]. HOWEVER, the Department shall determine whether the total bond fee is unreasonable and excessive for a particular tract of land and whether a lesser total amount for the bond is sufficient to cover reclamation. In making this determination, the Department shall consider the size of the operation, the amount of land to be mined, the acreage that is unreclaimed at any one time, the proposed method of regrading and revegetation of the site, the proposed use of the land following reclamation, and any other relevant factors.
- (c) Liability under the bond shall be for the duration of the mining permit and for a period of five years after its expiration, unless previously released in whole or in part, as provided in § 7-6A-21 OF THIS SUBTITLE.