

certified by a registered engineer or registered land surveyor showing the boundary lines of the tract, the access to the operation from the nearest public highway, the area of land affected by open-pit mining, the location of measures installed on the area for sediment and erosion control, and any location reserved for deep mining. The [Committee] DEPARTMENT shall review the report. If the report is not approved, the Department shall notify the operator in writing of the basis for disapproval. The operator may request a hearing within ten days after notification of the disapproval, after which the [Committee] DEPARTMENT shall hold a hearing within 30 days. If, after the hearing, the [Committee] DEPARTMENT still disapproves the report, the Department shall [suspend the open-pit mining permit of the operator concerned] NOT RELEASE THE FINAL REVEGETATION BOND until the operator corrects the reasons for the disapproval and the [Committee] DEPARTMENT approves the report.

7-511.

(a) (1) Within 2 weeks after any affected area is backfilled and regraded under this subtitle and in accordance with the approved reclamation plan, the operator shall submit a backfilling report on a form furnished by the Department. The report shall provide the following information:

(i) The number of acres affected on the permit;

(ii) The number of acres backfilled for the period of the report; and

(iii) The number of backfilled acres previously reported.

(2) Based upon inspection and approval by the Department of this report and the planting report required by subsection (b) of this section, the Department may release a portion of the liability on the bond required by § 7-506(b) of this subtitle in accordance with provisions set forth in § 7-506(h) of this subtitle. The Department shall at all times retain bonds in an 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) (1) Within 2 weeks after planting is completed, the operator shall file a planting report with the Department on a form furnished by the Department, giving the following information:

(i) Identification of the operation;