

retain bonds in an amount sufficient to insure completion of the reclamation plan by the Department in the event of forfeiture.]

(A) (1) NO LATER THAN THE TIME THE MINING AND RECLAMATION PROGRESS REPORT REQUIRED BY § 7-507(B) IS SUBMITTED, THE OPERATOR SHALL SUBMIT A BACKFILLING AND PLANTING REPORT ON A FORM FURNISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR ALL AFFECTED AREAS WHICH HAVE BEEN BACKFILLED, REGRADED, AND PLANTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE AND THE APPROVED RECLAMATION PLAN. THE REPORT SHALL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

(I) THE NUMBER OF ACRES AFFECTED ON THE PERMIT;

(II) THE NUMBER OF ACRES BACKFILLED AND PLANTED FOR THE PERIOD OF THE REPORT;

(III) THE NUMBER OF BACKFILLED AND PLANTED ACRES PREVIOUSLY REPORTED;

(IV) A MAP SHOWING THE AREA OF THE PERMIT BEING REPORTED AS BACKFILLED AND PLANTED; AND

(V) SUCH OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION AS THE DEPARTMENT REQUIRES.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INSPECT THE REPORTED AREA TO DETERMINE IF THE BACKFILLING AND PLANTING HAS BEEN DONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPROVED RECLAMATION PLAN. IF THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE REPORTED AREA HAS BEEN BACKFILLED AND PLANTED ACCORDING TO THE APPROVED PLAN, THE REPORT SHALL BE APPROVED.

(3) IF THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT APPROVE THE BACKFILLING AND PLANTING REPORT, IT SHALL NOTIFY THE OPERATOR IN WRITING, SETTING FORTH THE REASONS FOR DISAPPROVAL AND IDENTIFYING THE ACTION NECESSARY TO SECURE APPROVAL. THE OPERATOR SHALL TAKE THE ACTION NECESSARY TO SECURE APPROVAL OF THE REPORT.

[(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;

(ii) Type of planting;

(iii) Date of planting;

(iv) Area of land planted; and

(v) Other relevant information the Department requires.]