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APPLICATION FOR RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND

_____ (permittee) HEREBY MAKES
 application for RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND pursuant to 62 Ill. Adm. Code 1800.40 at
 _____ Mine, Permit No. _____ for the areas shown on the attached map(s).

This application requests release of:

_____ acres of Phase I Reclamation

_____ acres of Phase II Reclamation

_____ acres of Phase III Reclamation

Increment No. _____ (if applicable)

I _____ (name of official), hereby affirm that all
 information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that all
 applicable reclamation activities have been accomplished in accordance with the requirements of the
 State Act, the regulatory program and the approved reclamation plan.

 Signature of Official

NOTICE - This state agency is requesting disclosure of information that is necessary to accomplish this statutory purpose as outlined under 225 ILCS 715/1 (Ill. Rev. Stat. ch. 96½, par. 4501 et seq.). Disclosure of this information is voluntary; however, failure to comply may result in this form not being processed. This form has been approved by the Forms Management Center.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
OFFICE OF MINES AND MINERALS
LAND RECLAMATION DIVISION
PERMANENT PROGRAM BOND RELEASE APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS

Submit two (2) copies of the information requested below to the Department in Springfield. For operations inspected out of the Benton Office, one of the copies may be mailed directly to the inspector, if noted on the cover letter to the Springfield office. The Department will inform the operator in writing if the application is deemed complete or if additional information is needed. If complete, the Department will inform the operator to proceed with mailing letters and publishing the required advertisement per 62 Ill. Adm. Code 1800.40(a)(2) and indicate the number of additional copies needed. The date the Department receives these additional copies is the official filing date of the release request.

PLEASE DO NOT MAIL THE NOTIFICATION LETTERS OR PUBLISH THE ADVERTISEMENT UNTIL YOU RECEIVE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE APPLICATION IS COMPLETE.

The Department is not mandated to require "completeness review". However, permittees may proceed without completeness review at their own risk. Incomplete and inaccurate bond release applications will be subject to disapproval and must be refiled, republished and appropriate parties renotified.

INFORMATION REQUIRED FROM PERMITTEE

1. Submit a copy of letters to be sent by the permittee to adjoining property owners, surface owners, local government agencies (e.g., county board, planning agencies, mayor of nearest town, sewage and water treatment authorities, water companies, if applicable), etc. Distinguish between surface owners and adjoining property owners. A sample letter and list of all recipients and their addresses is satisfactory. (Pursuant to 62 Ill. Adm. Code 1800.40(a)(2)).

The Department will furnish a list of agencies and addresses required to be notified by the permittee, if the permittee requests assistance.

2. Provide the name and address of all surface owners and lessees. Indicate if these are different from those in the original application.
3. Provide a copy of the newspaper advertisement to be run pursuant to Section 1800.40(a)(2). (See the attached Newspaper Notice Guide.) Also, state in which newspaper the advertisement will appear. This legal notice shall be published at least once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks.

The first publication of the news ad shall take place in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality of the coal mining operation within five (5) calendar days, before or after filing the additional required copies of the application at the Department's Springfield office.

A certificate of publication shall be submitted within forty five (45) days of filing the additional required copies of the application at the Department's Springfield office.

4. Submit two (2) copies of the approved post mining land use map(s) of the same scale used in the original permit application which clearly delineate the bond release request area. The legend on the map(s) shall indicate the number of acres requested for release by phase.

The location of NPDES discharge points which receive drainage from the proposed release area and groundwater monitoring wells within, or down gradient of the proposed release area shall be located on the map.

5. For a Phase I release locate the request area on the map required in No. 4 above and give the acreage of the different land capability classes for the areas requested. Identify the acreage of each separate parcel requested for release.
6. For a Phase II release locate the request on the map required in No. 4 above and give acreage of all land use/capability classes for the areas requested. Identify the acreage of each separate parcel requested for release.

For lands reclaimed to prime farmland standards attach copies of productivity testing yield results documenting compliance with 62 Ill. Adm. Code 1816.116 and 1823 pursuant to Section 1800.40(c)(2).

7. For a Phase III release locate the request area on the map required in No. 4 above and give acreage of all land use/capability classes for the areas requested.

For lands reclaimed to capabilities other than prime farmland standards attach copies of productivity testing yield results, stand count results, or tree and shrub count results (which ever is appropriate depending on capability and land use) documenting compliance with 62 Ill. Adm. Code 1816.116, 1816.117, 1817.116, 1817.117 and 1825.11.

8. Attach completed Application For Release of Performance Bond Form SCML6.

NEWSPAPER NOTICE GUIDE

(Newspaper notice must contain the following information at a minimum.)

Notice of Completed Reclamation and Request for Bond Release

Company	Mine
Permit Number	Date of Issuance

1. Indicate permit year(s) in which bond release request area was affected by mining operations, including increment number, if applicable.
2. Show precise location by Section, Township, Range, and County and acreage. List legal location or include map.
3. Type and amount of bond held under this permit in dollars and the percentage(s) by Phase, being requested for release.
4. Describe reclamation work performed, by listing the appropriate acreage of each Phase requested , (Phase I, completed grading, Phase II, completed vegetation establishment (productivity for prime farmland), Phase III, final reclamation), and the year(s) in which reclamation was completed in accordance with the approved reclamation plan.
5. Include a statement saying: “Written comments or objections to the proposed bond release and requests for a public hearing or informal conference, pursuant to 62 Ill. Adm. Code 1800.40(e), may be filed with the Department by any person with a valid legal interest which might be adversely affected by release of the bond, or the responsible officer or head of any Federal, State, or local governmental agency which has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental, social, or economic impact involved in the operation or which is authorized to develop and enforce environmental standards with respect to such operations. The comments, objections or requests for hearing or informal conference, if any, shall be filed within thirty (30) days following the last advertisement of this notice. Comments, objections and requests for hearing or informal conference may be sent to Illinois Department of Natural Resources - Office of Mines and Minerals- Land Reclamation Division, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, Illinois 62702-1271.”