

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Grading Approval for Quarries</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>November 1, 2001 - Revised 09-01-06</b>

**Legal Authority:** 22-4-20(g) & (i), 22-4-20(j), 22-4-21, 38-3-17

Procedure:

Permittee shall:

1. Submit the grading approval package (4 copies of the final map and all appropriate MR-12s) to the appropriate regional office, Release Section within 60 days of completion of mining. The maps must be signed by an PS or PE who is an Approved Person

Release section shall:

1. Review the submitted material for accuracy and completeness.
2. Schedule an onsite inspection with all interested parties, including the inspector, and operator to ensure that regrading has been completed in accordance with the approved plan.
3. Review the backfilling and regrading to assist the operator in achieving compliance with the law and the rules.
4. The release section will prepare a letter to the permittee advising if the grading is in compliance or if additional work is needed. The letter will also advise the permittee that at least one year of raw (untreated) water quality data indicating compliance with discharge limits from each NPDES discharge point is required for final release.
5. The approved final maps will be stamped as approved, and signed and dated by the Release Specialist and returned to the applicant by the release unit until the final release package is submitted (two years after revegetation).

Inspector shall:

1. The next MR-6Q, Inspection Report, will indicate if grading approval has been granted or denied.

*NOTE: If area was disturbed prior to the June 8, 2000 law, it is exempt from new reclamation standards and will be released by old release standards.*

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Quarry Bond Release (Final)</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>November 1, 2001 - Revised 09-01-06</b>

**Legal Authority:** 22-4-20(g) & (i), 22-4-20(j), 22-4-21, 38-3-17, 38-3-10.3.h.2.

Procedures:

Permittee shall:

1. Submit 1 original and 3 copies of a Quarry Final Release Request (MR-9Q) Form to the regional bond release specialist. Request must be signed by principal officer (president or vice-president).
2. Four copies of Final maps (with Release Specialist stamp of approval and signature indicated on maps).
3. Include 1 year data of raw (untreated) water from each NPDES discharge point.
4. Include a copy of Final Planting Report (MR-8).
5. Include a copy of previously approved MR-12s, Special Use Form.
6. Include copy of grading approval letter from Release Specialist.
7. Include proof of notification of the current surface owners (letters and certified receipts) (38-3-17.2.a.4). Identify those landowners that differ from those indicated on last map of record.
8. Include original certificate of publication (one time ad, with 30 day comment period in county or counties where operation is located).

4. Bond release specialist shall:

1. Log and track the application.
2. Notify the inspector of receipt of the application.
3. Coordinate the onsite (field) inspection with the inspector, permittee, and the surface owner (if requested).
4. Inspect the permit area to ensure compliance with the applicable laws and rules for bond release.
5. Process the forms for release or denial of the application.
6. Log the completed application into the regional records.

Distribution:

1. Original - company
2. Copy - inspector
3. Copy - regional file
4. Copy - headquarters

COMPANY LETTERHEAD  
"Sample Landowner Notification Letter"

Date

Landowner  
Address  
City, State Zip

RE: Company Name  
Permit # \_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

This above listed company has applied for a release of their reclamation bond associated with the permit listed above. As the surface owner you have the right to participate in making the bond release inspection and the evaluation of the reclamation work involved under 38-3-17.2 of the Rules for Quarrying and Reclamation.

You may request your participation during this inspection by furnishing a signed, written statement (or an oral report followed by a signed written statement) within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this notice.

Your request can be made by writing to the Release Specialist at \_\_\_\_\_(DEP Regional Office Address \_\_\_\_\_)

Sincerely,

Applicant