

Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

ATTACHMENT A FOR EXPLORATION PROJECTS DOCUMENTATION OF RECLAMATION ACTIVITIES FOR SURETY RELEASE

An operator may request surety release in accordance with applicable State and Federal regulations. The following documentation must be submitted simultaneously to Nevada Division of Environmental Protection and the federal land management agency prior to the agencies conducting a site inspection:

1. Map(s) clearly identifying the area, noting specific treatments and sampling locations (as applicable).
2. Description of the following activities:
 - A. **Earthwork:**
 - a. The number of acres regraded.
 - b. Dates of initiation and completion of activities.
 - B. **Revegetation Activities:**
 - a. The number of acres that were seeded and/or planted.
 - b. Seed bed preparation methods utilized.
 - c. Seeding or planting methods used (e.g., broadcast seeding, etc.).
 - d. Provide information on how seed was covered.
 - e. Seed mix and seeding rate; document by maintaining seed tags and any testing results (PLS, germination, noxious weeds, etc.).
 - f. If applicable, the number of acres that received fertilization, mulch or amendments.
 - i. Fertilizer (N-P-K, type, application rate, application method).
 - ii. Mulches and soil amendments (type, application rate, and application method).
 - iii. Date of initiation and completion of activities.
 - C. **Other Reclamation Activities** such as drillhole plugging, structure and debris removal, safety feature installation, erosion control treatment, equipment removal or other permit requirements.
3. For bond reduction, an operator must show detailed calculation of the surety amount proposed for release. This calculation should also show the surety amount required for the remaining reclamation.
4. Prior to release, a field inspection is required to verify that reclamation has been performed in accordance with the approved reclamation plan and permit

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