

Farrell-Cooper Mining has made request by letter dated November 27, 1979 for reduction of surety on 44 acres mined and reclaimed under Permit No. 104. The remaining 6 acres for which surety reduction is not requested was mined and reclaimed under the performance standards and requirements of the Federal law (P.L. 95-87).

On November 15, 1979, the Mined Land Review Committee and the staff of the Surface Mining & Reclamation Section of the Department of Pollution Control and Ecology inspected this permit area and were in unanimous agreement that the revegetative effort was too thin in some areas and totally barren in other areas.

It is recommended that additional effort be made for revegetated cover on the barren areas and more time be given to existing revegetative effort for more growth and indication of permanent cover.

COMMISSIONERS

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SUBMITTED BY: M.J.B.

DATE PASSED: _____



STATE OF ARKANSAS
DEPARTMENT OF POLLUTION CONTROL AND ECOLOGY
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LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72209

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MEMORANDUM

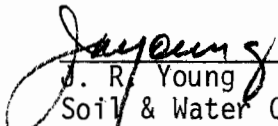
TO: Mined Land Review Committee Members
FROM: M.J. Bonner, Surface Mining and Reclamation Section
DATE: December 17, 1979
SUBJECT: REQUEST BY FARRELL-COOPER MINING FOR REDUCTION OF SURETY


Farrell-Cooper Mining has made request by letter dated November 27, 1979 for reduction of surety on 44 acres of Permit No. 104 under State Act 236. The remaining six acres for which surety reduction is not request was mined and reclaimed under the performance standards and requirements of the new Federal Law (P.L. 95-87).

A field trip conducted on November 15, 1979 consisting of the below listed members of the Mined Land Review Committee, while in this area on another request and time available, visited the subject mine site. The purpose was to determine what each review committee members opinion was to revegetative growth of new surface cover would be. The thinking of the Committee and the Department developed to be the same in that the growth of the revegetative cover was not acceptable at this time. Some of the areas inside the permit are very near barren of any revegetative cover.

It is recommended that additional effort be made for revegetative cover on barren areas and more time be given to existing vegetative effort for more growth and indication of permanent cover.


William Bush
Geological Commission


J. R. Young
Soil & Water Conservation Commission


Mike Wilson
Game & Fish Commission

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FARRELL-COOPER MINING COMPANY

Mining

Construction

P. O. BOX 1847 FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS 72902

November 27, 1979

Mr. Milt Bonner
8001 National Drive
Little Rock, Arkansas 72209

Re: Bond No. 5992094
Farrell-Cooper Mining Company
Strip Mine Bond
State of Arkansas
Amount of Bond: \$25,000.00
Effective Date: December 4, 1978

Dear Mr. Bonner:

The above referenced bond is on our Russellville, Arkansas mine. This bond covers 50 acres; of this 50 acres; 44 acres were mined prior to May 3, 1978, and the remaining 6 acres were mined after May 3, 1978.

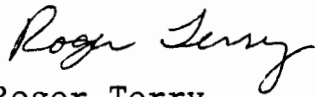
As your department is well aware, a good portion of the 44 acres reclaimed was orphan land, as a favor to the State and property owner this land was graded, leveled, fertilized, and seeded along with the land we disturbed.

We realize it would be premature to request a total bond release at this time, however, we request a release on those acres (44) mined prior to May 3, 1978.

At this time, our engineering staff is working on plans concerning remedial reclamation actions on the six acres mined after May 3, 1978. These plans will be designed to retard erosion and control sediments until the next favorable planting season when we will be able to complete our reclamation on this area.

If any additional information is required, contact me at (501) 646-4366.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger Terry,
Mining Consultant

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