

Farrell-Cooper Coal Company of Fort Smith, Arkansas has requested a reduction of surety on 44 acres from Permit Number 104 as having been mined and reclaimed under State Law Act 236 of 1971. The remainder of the permit consisting of 6 acres was mined on and after May 3, 1978 and is therefore subject to Public Law 95-87, Federal rules and regulation requirements.

On June 19, 1980, a field trip was conducted on the above property for the purpose of evaluating the status of reclamation, revegetation and water quality of impoundments. On the basis of acceptable reclamation, an improved and acceptable revegetative effort, and clean water criteria assured, The Department and the Mined Land Review Committee are in unanimous agreement that this operator's request for reduction of surety bond be granted.

Based upon the above and the attached information, the Commission hereby approved the operator's request.

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SUBMITTED BY: M.J.B.

DATE PASSED: 7/25/80



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mined Land Review Committee Members

FROM: M.J. Bonner, Surface Mining & Reclamation Division

DATE: June 25, 1980

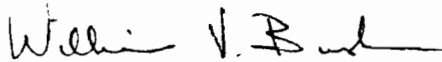
SUBJECT: Letter from Farrell-Cooper Mining dated May 28, 1980, requesting release of surety on 44 acres from Permit Number 104 as having been mined and reclaimed under State Law Act 236 of 1971. The remainder of permit consisting of 6 acres was mined on or after May 3, 1978 and is therefore subject to Public Law 95-87, Federal rules and regulation requirements.

A field trip by the Department and the Mined Land Review Committee was conducted on June 19, 1980 for evaluation of revegetative cover and quality of water in two impoundment structures on said permit area.

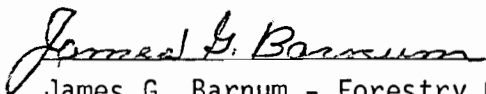
The revegetative cover is now much improved since March 18, 1980 request. This was due to favorable weather conditions and growing time. The committee felt that the revegetative cover should have been better on the slope areas of water impoundments and on the black shale surface on the south side of the southern most water impoundment near entrance to mine area.

The water impoundment located in the north west corner of the mine area was tested to have a pH 7.0 water. The water in the impoundment located in the south east area of the permit was tested for a pH 6.2.

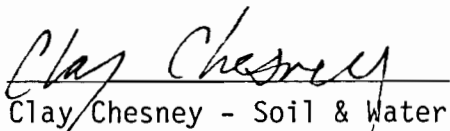
On the basis of good water and revegetative cover that is now acceptable under Act 236, it is hereby requested by the Department and the Mined Land Review Committee that this operator's request for reduction of surety be approved.



William V. Bush - Geological Commission



James G. Barnum - Forestry Commission



Clay Chesney - Soil & Water Commission