

R & S Coal Company has made a request for reduction of surety on Permit No. 78 containing 15 acres. In his request, Mr. L.B. Gilbow, Agent for the company, stated that three attempts have been made to establish vegetative cover with little success; therefore, he has requested that the land be considered reclaimed, and the surety of \$7,500. be released.

On March 20, 1981, the Mined Land Review Committee inspected the area permitted. They found the area to be adequately backfilled, graded, contoured, and meeting the necessary requirements. However, the vegetative cover did not meet requirements.

Therefore, based on the Mined Land Review Committee's report, and the operator's request and documentation that he has made good faith efforts to establish vegetation without success, the Commission hereby approves the release of surety for this effort pursuant to Section 6, paragraph (i); Act 236 of 1971.

*subject to sworn statements  
to staff by Mr. Gilbow*

COMMISSIONERS

*[Handwritten signatures and initials over a grid of lines]*

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SUBMITTED BY: F.G.D.

DATE PASSED: 4/10/81

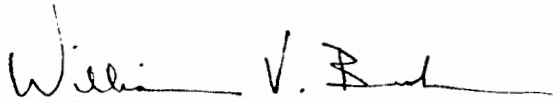
ARKANSAS MINED LAND REVIEW COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Floyd G. Durham, Chief, Surface Mining and Reclamation  
FROM: Mined Land Review Committee Members  
DATE: April 6, 1981  
SUBJECT: Bond Release Request, Permit No. 78, R & S Coal Company

A field trip was made March 20, 1981 to the site of Permit No. 78 issued to Verlon Hice Coal Company, now operated by R & S Coal Company. The visit was based on a request from R & S Coal Company to evaluate reclamation of the site for reclamation bond release. The Mined Land Review Committee found the backfilling and grading had been favorably accomplished, but vegetation had not been established. Mr. L.B. Gilbow, Agent for the company, stated that he had made three (3) attempts to establish vegetation, but the landowner allowed cattle to graze the area too soon. Mr. Gilbow said he installed an electrified fence after seeding the third time, and the landowner turned the power off allowing the cattle to knock the fence down and graze the site. One of the undersigned, Mr. M.J. Bonner, has knowledge that the company made two seedings.

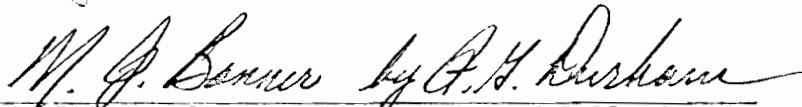
It was determined by the undersigned that with proper documentation of his efforts, the operator may, according to Section 6, paragraph (i) of Act 236, request this area be deemed reclaimed. This section reads as follows: "...after the second seeding or planting of any affected area, and approved by the Commission the area shall be deemed reclaimed." Therefore, when proper documentation of seeding efforts is presented, we recommend that the Commission approve the Operator's request.



William V. Bush, Arkansas Geological Commission



Clay Chesney, Arkansas Soil and Water Commission



M.J. Bonner, Arkansas Department of Pollution Control and Ecology

R & S Coal Company  
P. O. Box 468  
Lamar, Arkansas 72846

Arkansas Pollution Control  
National Drive  
Little Rock, Arkansas

April 10, 1981

Gentlemen:

I am here today to appeal you to refund the \$7,500.00 bond placed by R & S Coal Company, Lamar, Arkansas.

I understand that Act # 236 states that if two revegetation efforts have been made and it is not possible to revegetate, under the act the bond should be refunded.

The first revegetation effort was made by Doug Hurst. The second effort was made by drilling Fescue seed into the ground and fertilizing according to soil samples.

Sincerely,

*Donald Rieder*  
DONALD RIEDER



# COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS Division of Agriculture, U. S. Department of Agriculture and County Governments Cooperating

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Post Office Box 590  
Clarksville, AR 72830  
April 7, 1981

To Whom It May Concern:

Fescue is a cool season grass that is adapted to climatic conditions in Johnson County. It is recommended as a permanent grass in pasture programs for beef cattle operations. This grass should grow if seeded at the proper time on a well prepared seedbed that is free of weed competition. Other recommendations would include liming and fertilizing according to soil test recommendations.

Recommended seeding dates are September 1 to November 1, first choice; and March 1 to April 15, second choice. If fescue is seeded during these times with the afore mentioned criteria met, and planted at the rate of 12 to 15 pounds per acre, a satisfactory stand should be assured, assuming soil moisture was adequate.

Fescue is grown successfully on many beef cattle farms in Johnson County. It is adapted to silt loam soils and grows better in low lying areas.

Sincerely yours,

John R. Payne  
County Extension Agent -  
Staff Chairman

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