



ARKANSAS ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

TO: All Applicants for Open-Cut and In-Stream Mining Permits

The Arkansas Open-Cut Land Reclamation Act (A.C.A. 15-57-301 et seq.) requires any operator who desires to engage in Open-Cut and In-Stream mining (as defined in the Act) to obtain a permit.

It is the intent of this information packet to provide the applicant with the necessary forms and guidance on how to prepare the application materials as required by Chapter Three of the Arkansas Open-Cut Mining and Reclamation Rule (Rule No. 15).

This packet should contain the following materials:

- A. One copy of the Arkansas Open-Cut Land Reclamation Act (Act).
- B. One (1) copy of Rule No. 15 - Which was written pursuant to the requirements of the Act and provides the information source to apply for a permit and what is required after the permit is issued.
- C. One (1) permit application checklist - The applicant can use this checklist to monitor his progress in compiling the required materials to submit as a permit application. This is the same checklist that Arkansas Department of Energy & Environment (E&E) staff will use to review the application upon receipt.
- D. Two (2) permit application forms - Information on completing these forms may be found in Rule 15.303.
- E. One (1) copy of Reclamation Cost Factors - These cost factors have been provided to assist the applicant because they represent the Department's current cost of hiring contractors to perform reclamation under the Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Program under the Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Act.
- F. One (1) copy of Bond Determination form - This form will help the applicant in calculating the bond utilizing the above mentioned Reclamation Cost Factors.
- G. Bond Forms – Information concerning reclamation bonds can be found in Rule 15.309
 1. One (1) copy of Open-Cut Surety Bond form - This form is to be used if a surety bond is used as the reclamation bond.
 2. One (1) copy of Open-Cut Letter of Credit form – This form is to be used when an irrevocable standby letter of credit from a financial institution is used as the reclamation bond.
 3. One (1) copy of Open-Cut Certificate of Deposit Assignment form – This form is to be used when submitting a Certificate of Deposit as the reclamation bond.
 4. One (1) copy of Open-Cut Self Bond form – This form is to be used when the applicant has elected to provide a self bond in accordance with the restrictions specified in Rule 15.309(F).
 5. One (1) copy of Open-Cut Cash Bond form – This form is to be used when the applicant has elected to provide a cash bond.
 6. One (1) copy of Real Property Collateral Bond and Agreement form – This form is to be used when the applicant has elected to provide real property as a reclamation bond.
- H. One (1) Disclosure Statement form – This form is required by Act 454 of 1991 and Rule 15.302(A)(1)(i).