



# STATE OF ALASKA

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### MATERIAL SITE RECLAMATION PLAN OR LETTER OF INTENT/ANNUAL RECLAMATION STATEMENT AS 27.19.030 – 27.19.050

In accordance with Alaska Statute 27.19, reclamation is required of all mining operations, including sand and gravel extraction. Completion of this form will meet the law's requirements for a **reclamation plan** (see below for filing requirements; due date: at least 45 days before mining is proposed to begin; requires approval by the Division of Mining, Land and Water). Completion of this form will also serve as a **letter of intent** for operations exempt from the plan requirement (due date: before mining begins). No approval is required for a letter of intent, but a miner who files a letter of intent must, before December 31, file an **annual reclamation statement** (Section 8 of this form).

Check applicable box:

- ☐ A. RECLAMATION PLAN (REQUIRED if the operation will disturb five or more acres this year, OR 50,000 cubic yards, OR if the operation has a cumulative disturbed area of five or more acres)
- ☐ B. RECLAMATION PLAN-VOLUNTARY (for an operation below the limits shown in Box A but wanting to qualify for the statewide bonding pool)

- ☐ C. LETTER OF INTENT (less than five acres to be disturbed AND less than 50,000 cubic yards AND less than five acres unreclaimed area) NOTE: A miner who files a letter of intent is also required to file an annual reclamation statement at the end of the year.

THIS RECLAMATION PLAN/LETTER OF INTENT IS FOR CALENDAR YEAR \_\_\_\_\_  
(If you checked either box a or b above and propose a multi-year plan, state all years covered.)

1. **MINER INFORMATION** (If there is more than one miner, attach a list of the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all other owners, operators, or leaseholders of the mining operation)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of miner who will serve as agent for notice purposes

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address (notify the department of any later change of address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip code Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of landowner (if other than miner) or public land management agency

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Federal or state casefile number (if any) assigned to the site

## 2. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MINING SITE

Legal Subdivision/Section/Quarter-Section	Township	Range	Meridian
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3. **DESCRIPTION OF THE MINING OPERATION** (if you checked box a or b on p. 1 of this form and are proposing a multi-year reclamation plan, attach separate sheets as needed showing acreage to be mined, volume to be mined, and existing acreage of mined area for each year covered by the plan)

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Total acreage to be mined or disturbed during the year.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated total volume to be mined or disturbed, including overburden.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ Type of material (sand, gravel, peat, etc.).
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ Existing acreage of mined area (disturbed area that has not yet been reclaimed, but counting only acreage disturbed after October 15, 1991).

## 4. DESCRIPTION OF THE RECLAMATION OPERATION

- a. The total acreage that will be reclaimed during the year (or each year, if for a multi-year reclamation plan) is:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b. Provide a list of equipment (type and quantity) to be used during the reclamation operation.
- c. A time schedule of reclamation measures shall be included as part of the plan.

The following measures must be considered in preparing and implementing the reclamation plan. Please mark those measures appropriate to your reclamation activity:

- ☐ Topsoil that is not promptly redistributed to an area being reclaimed will be separated and stockpiled for future use. This material will be protected from erosion and contamination by acidic or toxic materials and preserved in a condition suitable for later use.
- ☐ The area will be backfilled, graded and recontoured using strippings, overburden, and topsoil to a condition that allows for the reestablishment of renewable resources on the site within a reasonable period of time. It will be stabilized to a condition that will allow sufficient moisture to be retained for natural revegetation.
- ☐ Stockpiled topsoil will be spread over the reclaimed area to promote natural plant growth that can reasonably be expected to revegetate the area within five years.
- ☐ Stream channel diversions will be relocated to a stable location in the flood plain.
- ☐ Exploration trenches or pits will be backfilled. Brush piles, vegetation, topsoil, and other organics will be spread on the backfilled surface to inhibit erosion and promote natural revegetation.
- ☐ All buildings and structures constructed, used, or improved on land owned by the State of Alaska will be removed, dismantled, or otherwise properly disposed of at the completion of the mining operation.
- ☐ Any roads, airstrips or other facilities constructed to provide access to the mining operation shall be reclaimed (unless otherwise authorized) and included in the reclamation plan.
- ☐ Peat and topsoil mine operations shall ensure a minimum of two inches of suitable growing medium is left or replaced on the site upon completion of the reclamation activity.
- ☐ If extraction occurs within a flood plain, the reclamation activity shall reestablish a stable bed and bank profile such that river currents will not be altered and erosion and deposition patterns will not change.

NOTE: If you propose to use reclamation measures other than those shown above, or if the private landowner or public land manager of the site requires you to use stricter reclamation measures than those shown above, attach a list of those measures to this plan.

**5. ALTERNATE POST-MINING LAND USE**

- ☐ The mining site is public land. The land management agency's land use plan (if any) for post-mining land use is:
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- ☐ The mining site is public land. As allowed by AS 27.19.030(b), I propose to reclaim it to the following post-mining land use:
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- ☐ The mining site is private property. The private landowner plans to use it for the following post-mining land use:
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**6. ATTACHMENTS**

- ☐ If the mining operation has additional owners, operators, or leaseholders not shown on p. 1 of this form, attach a list of their names, addresses, and telephone numbers.
- ☐ Attach a USGS map at a scale no smaller than 1:63,360 (inch to the mile) showing the general vicinity of the mining operation and the specific property to be mined. Option: If you checked Box C on the first page of this form and the mining site is adjacent to an airport or public highway, state the name of the airport or the name and milepost of the public highway.
- ☐ Attach a diagram of the mined area (this term includes the extraction site, stockpile sites, overburden disposal sites, stream diversions, settling ponds, etc.) and the mining operation as a whole (this term includes the roads you plan to build, your power lines, support facilities, etc.). Show and state the number of acres to be mined during the year. (If you checked Box A or B on the first page of this form and your plan covers more than one year, show each year's work.) Show the location corners or property boundaries of the site in relation to the reclamation work and any other areas affected by the operation.
- ☐ Attach a list of the equipment (type and quantity) to be used during the reclamation activity.
- ☐ A time schedule of events must be attached that includes dates and activities related to this reclamation plan.
- ☐ If the site is private land not owned by the miner, attach a signed, notarized statement from the landowner indicating the landowner's consent to the operation. The landowner may also use the consent statement to notify the department that the landowner plans a post-mining land use incompatible with natural revegetation and therefore believes that reclamation to the standard of AS 27.19.020 is not feasible.
- ☐ For those miners that are required to file an annual reclamation statement, attach photographs and/or videotapes dated and described as to location of the reclamation activity that was completed.
- ☐ If you propose to use reclamation measures other than those listed on this form, or if the private landowner or public land manager of the site requires you to use stricter reclamation measures, attach a list of those measures.

**7. RECLAMATION BONDING (REQUIRED ONLY IF YOU CHECKED BOX A or B ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THIS FORM)**

The total acreage of my mining operation that is subject to the bonding requirement for the current year is \_\_\_\_\_ acres (add acreages stated in Section 3(a) and 3(d) of this form).

The per-acre bond amount is \$750/acre or a total bond amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please check the appropriate bonding method that you will apply toward this reclamation plan:

- ☐ Participation in the statewide bonding pool.
- ☐ Posting a corporate surety bond.
- ☐ Posting a personal bond accompanied by a letter of credit, certificate of deposit, or a deposit of cash or gold.
- ☐ Posting a bond or financial guarantee with another government agency that has jurisdiction over the mining operation, as allowed by a cooperative management agreement between that agency and the Division of Mining, Land and Water.
- ☐ Posting a general performance bond with a state agency that meets the requirements of 11 AAC 97.400(4).

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The above reclamation plan/letter of intent and all attachments are correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Miner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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8. **ANNUAL RECLAMATION STATEMENT—REQUIRED** IF YOU FILED A LETTER OF INTENT (CHECKED BOX C ON THE FIRST PAGE) FOR THIS OPERATION. DUE DATE: DECEMBER 31, \_\_\_\_\_. YOU MUST FILE EVEN IF THE MINING DESCRIBED IN YOUR LETTER OF INTENT DID NOT TAKE PLACE.

This \_\_\_\_\_ annual reclamation statement is for:  
(year)

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Total acreage mined.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ Total volume mined or disturbed, including overburden.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ Total acreage reclaimed.
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative total of unreclaimed acreage.
- e. Reclamation measures that were used (check appropriate measures from Section 4, DESCRIPTION OF THE RECLAMATION OPERATION, and attach list of additional or stricter measures if applicable).

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The above annual reclamation statement and all attachments are correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Miner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Non-refundable filing fee for reclamation plan: See current Director's Fee Order for applicable fees.

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