



APPLICATION FOR LAND RECLAMATION FINANCIAL GUARANTEES CHECKLIST

The Land Reclamation Financial Guarantee (LRFG) account provides financial assurance for the issuing of Land Reclamation Financial Guarantees for qualified operators. The Department may use the funds in this special account to financially assure the bonding obligations required by 25 Pa Code §86.143 (relating to requirement to file a bond) of a qualified operator engaged in mining.

To be eligible for a LRFG, a surface coal mining operator must demonstrate the following (25Pa Code 86.162b (k)):

Please check the appropriate answer to the following questions:

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| 1. Operator holds a valid coal mining license, and; | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 2. The mine operator, related party, or a person who is owned or controlled by the operator satisfies the criteria for permit approval or denial (25 Pa Code 86.37 (a)(8) – (11) and (16)) as shown in Module 3 of the application. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Please indicate which option you wish to use to qualify.

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| 1. The operator has previously held a Reclaiming Financial Guarantee (RFG) or a Land Reclamation Financial Guarantee, and; | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| A. The operator has made timely payments for RFGs or LRFGs and has not been cited through a Notice of Violation under 25 Pa Code 86.165(a) within the previous three years prior to the LRFG application. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

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| 2. The operator has not previously obtained a RFG or LRFG and: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| A. The operator has held a coal mining license for at least 5 years, and; | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| B. The operator would be able to obtain a surety bond by submitting the following: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| i. A surety bond for a portion of the remaining reclamation liability for the proposed site or | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| ii. An acceptance letter from a surety company licensed to do business in Pennsylvania and which writes bonds for the reclamation of mine sites. The acceptance letter must indicate the complete name and address of the surety company and state the surety company would write the bond. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

In addition to the operator eligibility listed above the following must be submitted:

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| 1. A description of the environmental and safety hazards of the site contained within the modules of surface mining permit application. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 2. The availability of coal reserves at the site contained within the modules of the surface mining permit application. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 3. Any prior denials of surety coverage. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 4. A completed APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT FOR LAND RECLAMATION FINANCIAL GUARANTEE form (5600-FM-BMP0485). The total amount of the LRFG being requested should be included on the form. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Program Limits:

Total amount of LRFGs the operator has currently: _____

Total bond liability on the permit: _____

Amount of other bonds on the permit: _____