

RENEWAL OF MINING PERMIT CHECKLIST

As provided in G.S. 74-52 of The Mining Act of 1971, a mining permit may be renewed at any time during the 2 years prior to its expiration. The following items are required to renew a mining permit:

- 1) The appropriate mining permit renewal processing fee must be submitted to the Land Quality Section Central Office (see fee schedule).

One (1) Original and Four (4) copies of the following are required:

- 2) The permittee must complete a new mining permit application form except for the Notification of Adjoining Landowners Section. The renewal can only cover the acreage under the existing mining permit for the site. If any additional acreage is to be affected by mining, a modification request (including the corresponding processing fee) must accompany the renewal request.
- 3) A letter must be submitted to the Land Quality Section by the permittee requesting renewal of the mining permit for a period not to exceed 10 years and must clearly address how the continued operation will not invoke any of the 7 denial criteria listed under G.S. 74-51 of the Act. This letter must also describe any expected changes in the operation of the mine and must state whether additional land is to be added or affected by mining at this site. Additional acreage to be added to this permit (affected or unaffected) will require a modification request (including proper notification of new adjoining landowners and the local government, as well as the appropriate modification processing fee). New disturbances within the permitted area requiring new sediment and/or erosion control measures will also require a modification to the mining permit.
- 4) An updated mine map must be submitted for the site delineating the sizes and locations of all existing and proposed features of the mining operation, including sediment and erosion control measures. Typical construction details must be submitted for each sediment and erosion control measure, existing or proposed (although supporting design calculations for existing measures is not required). Again, if additional land areas are proposed, a modification request must be submitted, including the appropriate processing fee. In addition, the mine map must clearly indicate the size and location of the additional land and include the locations of all new adjoining landowners, the sediment and erosion control measures for the new acreage, and the other relevant items listed under Section B. - Maps of the application form. The permittee will be required to complete the notification section of the application if land is to be added to the permit. Lastly, any proposed sediment and erosion control measures must be accompanied by supporting design calculations.

The original of the following item is required:

- 5) The performance (reclamation) bond must be evaluated to ensure that it is sufficient to cover all proposed mining-related activities at the site for the renewal period.

All mining permits for unreclaimed sites must be renewed. If your mine site has been inactive and sufficiently reclaimed (meets the reclamation conditions of your mining permit), please contact the Land Quality Section Regional Office serving your area to schedule an inspection for a full or partial release of area covered by the mining permit and reclamation bond.

For more information, contact the Land Quality Section Regional Office serving your area or the Central Office at (919) 707-9220.