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ALABAMA SURFACE MINING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Surface Mining Commission

RULE NO. & TITLE:

880-X-10D-.56 Revegetation: Standards for Success

INTENDED ACTION: The Alabama Surface Mining Commission proposes to amend the above-listed rule.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The proposed rule amendment will change the standards for vegetation success for reclaimed mine lands which will be planted with trees or shrubs. The current rule requires an herbaceous ground cover of at least 80% on such areas for some post-mining land uses. Research and experience has shown that herbaceous ground cover of this density inhibits the growth of shrubs and trees and results in poor survival rates. The proposed rule will change this standard to require that herbaceous ground cover be sufficient to control erosion without setting a numeric standard.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

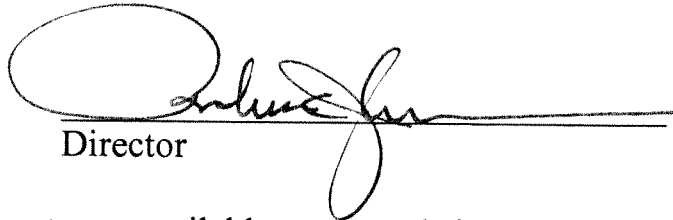
Persons wishing to submit comments or suggestions concerning this rulemaking may do so in writing. If requested by one or more persons, a public hearing will be held on June 5, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. in the ASMC Hearing Room, Third Floor, 1811 Second Avenue (Pinnacle Bank Building), Jasper, Alabama. Written comments must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 5, 2012, to:

Alabama Surface Mining Commission
Randall C. Johnson, Director
P. O. Box 2390
Jasper, Alabama 35502-2390

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

June 5, 2012

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Randall C. Johnson, Director



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Copies of proposed amendments are available at our website:

<http://surface-mining.alabama.gov/rulemakingnotice.htm>

Copies of the proposed regulations are also available (either hard copy or on disc) at the Alabama Surface Mining Commission, 1811 Second Avenue, Second Floor, Pinnacle Bank Building, Jasper, Alabama.