



## **APPLICATION FOR BOND RELEASE Instruction Sheet**

When submitting your request for either a "Grading" or "Completed Reclamation" bond release, be sure to enclose your Location Maps showing the correct location of the acreage to be considered for release.

All bond release applications (Grading or Completed) must include three signed copies of the application with Location Maps and copies of the notification letters. Please refer to the following information regarding the notification letters:

O.S. Title 45 '724 P and Q allows for objections or comments from public entities or any person having an interest in or who is or may be adversely affected by the decision of the release. Statutory law requires that the operator must notify all parties by letter. This is to include, but not only limited to, the landowner of the site. An example letter is included in your package. Once you have sent out your notification, please include a copy of each letter in your release package when submitted to the Department for review.

The Department shall give notice to the surface owner or agent and the operator before making an inspection for bond release. The owner (or agent or lessee) and operator may participate in the inspection. The Department, weather permitting, shall evaluate the reclamation involved within thirty (30) days of receipt of a completed bond release request. However, please be aware, the entire bond release process including inspection and approval may take up to sixty (60) days for limited use permits and ninety (90) days for non-coal mining permits.

If you have any questions concerning any of the information mentioned above or on the forms, please feel free to contact this office at 405/427-3859.

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