

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF RECLAMATION

**\*\*POLICY/PROCEDURE DIRECTIVE\*\***

Regulatory 88-5

Subject: Reforestation of permits with a primary land use of  
pasture or grazing land.

Effective: January 3, 1989

Purpose: To encourage reforestation of surface mined lands.

The Division of Reclamation encourages the planting of trees to enhance the primary post mining land uses of pasture and grazing land. To facilitate the addition of tree plantings to proposed and existing coal mining permits the Division has adopted the following policy.

Any operator who wishes to include trees in the planting plan of a proposed or existing permit may do so by indicating the number of trees to be planted in an application for a permit or an Application to Revise a Permit (ARP). The measurement of compliance with the permit condition to plant trees would be on the planting of the designated amount of seedlings, not on the survival rate of the trees planted (i.e. tree plantings would not be evaluated other than to assure that they were planted as required by the approved plan in the permit). Please note that permits with post mining land uses of fish and wildlife and forestry must still meet required survival rates.

If there are any questions regarding the above policy, contact Shari Zook at the Columbus office.



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