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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



Bureau of Mining Programs

2019 Bond Rate Guidelines for the Calculation of Land Reclamation Bonds on Coal Mining Operations

MRAB Meeting

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Tom Wolf, Governor

Patrick McDonnell, Secretary

2018 AML Reclamation Grading Costs

- 6 reclamation projects with 2,431,698 total cubic yards
- Cost per cubic yard ranged from \$0.73 to \$3.25
- 3 low bid averages at \$0.78, \$1.20, and \$1.60 for a weighted average of \$1.19
- Current 2016 – 2018 weighted average at \$1.07

2018 AML Reclamation Revegetation Costs

- 3 reclamation projects with 45.7 acres revegetation
- Cost per acre of the 3 lowest bids ranged from \$1,416.20 to \$2,383.89 .
- Weighted average of 3 lowest bids was \$2,004.86

2018 AML Reclamation Mulch, Seed Bed Preparation and Seed Costs

- Mulch cost per acre of 3 lowest bids was \$878.62 .
- 3 year weighted average of Mulch cost is \$877.61 .

- Seed Bed Prep cost per acre of 3 lowest bids at \$195.75
- 3 year weighted average of Seed Bed Prep is \$280.29

- Seed cost per acre of 3 lowest bids at \$417.02
- 3 year weighted average of Seed is \$286.78

2019 Bond Rates

Grading and Revegetation

		2016 wgt ave		2017 wgt ave		2018 wgt ave		16-18 Weighted			
	Unit		2016 amt		2017 amt		2018 amt		2017	2018	2019
Grading1 (<500 ft)	Yd	\$1.03	1,800,269	\$0.88	1,262,656	\$1.19	2,431,698	\$1.07	\$0.90	\$0.85	\$0.90
Grading2 (>500 ft/haul)	Yd								\$1.55	\$1.55	\$1.75
Select Grading	Acre								\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00
Reveg	Acre	\$2,129.84	284.8	\$1,847.90	171.5	\$2,004.86	45.7	\$2,022.14	\$1,950.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Trees	Each	\$3.58	39,581	\$2.72	48,600	\$2.67	9,350.0	\$3.06	\$0.75	\$0.75	\$0.75

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Stage 3 Maintenance Bonds

	2017	2017	2018	2018	2019	2019
Reveg Tot	\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Mulch	\$870.00	\$870.00	\$870.00	\$870.00	\$880.00	\$880.00
Seed Bed	\$280.00	\$280.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$280.00	\$290.00
Seed	\$280.00		\$270.00		\$290.00	
	\$520.00	\$800.00	\$610.00	\$880.00	\$550.00	\$830.00
	Pasture	w/seed	Pasture	w/seed	Pasture	w/seed



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