

**49-620. Same; bond forfeiture proceedings; satisfaction of operator obligation to reclaim affected lands; use of proceeds to reclaim affected lands.** The attorney general, upon request of the commission, shall institute proceedings for forfeiture of the bond posted by an operator to guarantee reclamation of a site where the operator is in violation of any of the provisions of this act or any rule and regulation adopted by the director pursuant to this act. Forfeiture of the operator's bond shall fully satisfy all obligations of the operator to reclaim affected land covered by the bond. The director shall have the power to reclaim, as required by K.S.A. 49-611, any surface mined land with respect to which a bond has been forfeited, using the proceeds of the forfeiture to pay for the necessary reclamation work.

**History:** L. 1994, ch. 197, § 20; July 1.