

**208.19 Reclamation schedule.**

An operator of a mine shall reclaim affected lands according to a schedule established by the division, but within a period not to exceed three years, after the filing of a report required under [section 208.18](#) indicating the mining of any part of a site has been completed.

For certain postmining land uses, such as a sanitary landfill, the division may allow an extended reclamation period.

An operator, upon completion of any reclamation work required by [section 208.17](#), shall apply to the division in writing for approval of the work. The division shall within a reasonable time determined by divisional rule inspect the completed reclamation work. Upon determination by the division that the operator has satisfactorily completed all required reclamation work on the land included in the application, the division shall release the bond or security on the reclaimed land, shall remove the land from registration, and shall terminate or amend as necessary the operator's authorization to conduct mining on the site.

[C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §83A.19]

85 Acts, ch 137, §16; 87 Acts, ch 115, §11

C93, §208.19

96 Acts, ch 1043, §12

Referred to in [§208.17](#), [208.20](#), [208.24](#)