

**208.16 Transfer to new operator.**

1. If control of a mine site registered pursuant to [section 208.9](#) is acquired by an operator other than the operator holding authorization to conduct mining on the site, the new operator shall within thirty days apply for registration of the site. The application shall be made and processed as provided under [sections 208.9](#) and [208.14](#). The former operator's bond or security shall not be released until the new operator's bond or security has been accepted by the division.

2. The division may establish procedures for transferring the responsibility for reclamation of a mine site to a state agency or political subdivision, or to a private entity, which intends to use the site for other purposes. The division, with agreement from the receiving agency or subdivision, or from a private entity, to complete adequate reclamation, may approve the transfer of responsibility, release the bond or security, and terminate or amend the operator's authorization to conduct mining on the site.

[C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §83A.16]

C93, §208.16

[96 Acts, ch 1043, §9](#); [2004 Acts, ch 1175, §228](#)

Referred to in [§208.17](#)