

**49-610. Same; transfer of site control responsibility; application.** (a) If control of an active site or the right to conduct any future mining at an inactive site is acquired by an operator other than the operator holding authorization to conduct surface mining on the site, the new operator, within 15 days, shall apply for registration of the site in the new operator's name. The application shall be made and processed as provided under K.S.A. 49-607 and 49-608. The former operator's bond or security shall not be released until the new operator's bond or security has been accepted by the director.

(b) The director may establish procedures for transferring the responsibility for reclamation of a mine site to a state agency or political subdivision which intends to use the site for other purposes. The director, with agreement from the receiving agency or subdivision 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 surface mining on the site.

**History:** L. 1994, ch. 197, § 10; July 1.