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FORM DMM-57 — MINE OPERATING STATUS REQUEST & INSPECTOR EVALUATION

STATUTORY AUTHORITY & MANDATORY COMPLIANCE (W. Va. Code § 22A-2-63b, § 22A-2-64, § 22A-2-77)

To receive status approval, all fines/penalties assessed by the Office must be paid or appealed, and all monthly reports submitted.

- **(a)** When any coal mine is worked out or indefinitely closed, mine openings must be properly sealed within 90 days after abandonment.
- **(b)** Mines temporarily inactive for less than 90 days must be adequately fenced with conspicuous signs prohibiting entry of unauthorized persons.
- **(c)** Shaft openings must be effectively capped or filled for the entire depth. Caps must consist of a 6-inch thick concrete cap or approved equivalent.
- **(d)** Caps must feature a vent pipe at least 2 inches in diameter extending at least 15 feet above the surface shaft.

SECTION 1: OPERATOR & PERMIT INFORMATION

Company Name:

Mine Name:

Permit Number:

Phone Number:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Contact Person & Title:

SECTION 2: STATUS CHANGE REQUEST

Requested Operating Status: ☐ Active ☐ Inactive (<90 days) ☐ Approved Inactive ☐ Permanently Closed

Effective Date of Requested Change:

Reason for Request:

SECTION 3: OPERATOR SIGNATURE & ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I hereby certify that the information provided is accurate and that all monthly reports and assessed penalties have been addressed according to West Virginia Code requirements.

Company Representative Signature:

Date:

SECTION 4: INSPECTOR EVALUATION CHECKLIST

(To be completed by WVMHS&T Inspector prior to approval)

Requirement	Code Authority / Condition	Verification	Notes
Fines & Penalties	All assessed penalties paid or under appeal.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	
Monthly Reports	All mandatory reports filed to date.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail	
Perimeter Fencing & Signs	Temporary Inactive (<90 days): Fenced with conspicuous signs prohibiting unauthorized entry.	☐ Pass ☐ N/A	
Mine Sealing	Permanently Closed (≥90 days): Openings properly sealed within 90 days of abandonment.	☐ Pass ☐ N/A	
Shaft Closure	Shafts filled to full depth OR capped with 6" concrete (or approved equivalent).	☐ Pass ☐ N/A	
Vent Pipe Installation	Shaft cap vent pipe installed (≥2" diameter, extending ≥15 ft above surface).	☐ Pass ☐ N/A	

SECTION 5: OFFICIAL AGENCY ACTION

Decision: ☐ GRANTED ☐ DENIED

Reason for Denial (if applicable):

Inspector Signature:

Date:

WVMHS&T Director / Authorized Signature:

Date:

** Return completed form to the appropriate WVMHS&T Regional Office.*