



**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
SURFACE MINING AND RECLAMATION DIVISION**

1701 N. CONGRESS

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**PERMIT APPLICATION TO CONDUCT COAL EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES
IN WHICH MORE THAN 250 TONS WILL BE REMOVED**

All items should be addressed completely. File in triplicate with the Director of the Surface Mining and Reclamation Division. Applicants must comply with §§12.111 through 12.115 and §§12.325 through 12.328 of the Texas Coal Mining Regulations.

I. Name of Applicant _____
 Mailing Address _____
(Street or P.O. Box)

(City) (State) (Zip Code) (Telephone)

II. Name of Operator _____
 Mailing Address _____
(Street or P.O. Box)

(City) (State) (Zip Code) (Telephone)

III. General Requirements (16 *Texas Admin. Code* §12.111)

A. Describe the basis upon which the applicant and operator claim the right to enter the exploration area for the purpose of conducting exploration and reclamation activities. This should include, but is not limited to the following:

- 1) Name, address, and telephone numbers of all surface and subsurface owners.
- 2) Documentation of right-of-entry for the purposes of exploration.
- 3) Time period for which right-of-entry is granted.

B. Exploration for: Coal Lignite

Amount to be removed: _____ tons

Describe the methods to be used to determine the amount removed.

C. Provide a narrative description, cross-referenced with maps, describing the exploration area for which right-of-entry has been indicated in part III.A. above. The narrative description and submitted maps (preferably at a scale of 1:24,000) should include information on existing features such as:

- 1) roads, dwellings, and pipelines.
- 2) surface water bodies.
- 3) historic, topographic, cultural and drainage features.
- 4) habitats of fish wildlife and plants, including any endangered or threatened species.
- 5) topography.

The description and maps must also give information about proposed features, including:

- 1) trenches, roads, and other access routes.
- 2) buildings and other structures to be constructed.
- 3) land excavations, drill holes, and wells, including changes made to those already existing.
- 4) earth or debris disposal areas.

D. Describe the method of exploration to be used (i.e., drill holes, pits or trenches, etc.), and the equipment used for exploration and related activities.

E. Provide a description of the reasons for extraction of more than 250 tons of coal.

F. Indicate the approximate time period during which exploration activities will be performed. A timetable estimate must be included which shows each phase of exploration and reclamation. Permits are issued for a period of one (1) year, and are renewable by application to the Commission.

G. Provide a copy of the public notice to be posted by the applicant in the newspaper of general circulation in the affected county(s). Posting of this notice shall occur only after the applicant is notified by the Commission that the application is complete, whereupon proof of posting shall be provided by the applicant. This notice shall include the name and business address of the applicant, the filing date of the application, the address of the Commission to which written public comments can be submitted, the closing date of the comment period, and a description of the area of exploration.

IV. Reclamation (16 *Texas Admin. Code* §12.327)

- A. Identify plans for reclamation activities, including backfilling, grading, and revegetation methods to be used, and plans for disposal of any toxic or radioactive material.

- B. Describe plans necessary for the protection of surface and underground water in the exploration and adjacent affected areas.

I, (name) _____, (title) _____ state that I have knowledge of the facts herein set forth and that the same are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further state that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the project for which application is made will not in any way violate any law, rule, ordinance, or decree of any duly authorized governmental entity having jurisdiction.

Date: _____ Signature: _____