**Section 1816.100 Contemporaneous Reclamation**

Reclamation efforts, including, but not limited to, backfilling, grading, topsoil replacement, and revegetation, on all land that is disturbed by surface mining activities shall occur as contemporaneously as practicable with mining operations, considering possible environmental ramifications except when such mining operations are conducted in accordance with a variance for concurrent surface and underground mining activities issued under 62 Ill. Adm. Code 1785.18. The Department shall not deny a reasonable extension under Sections 1816.101 through 1816.106 if a permittee can demonstrate that an act of God, strikes, inability to receive ordered equipment or extended periods of unseasonable and not to be expected weather have made completion within time limits impossible. Such extensions shall be made until a specific date determined by the Department.

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