

WAC 332-14-200 Diligence and forfeiture. The holder of any coal mining lease shall expend at least fifty thousand dollars per year in exploration, mine development, mine operation, or reclamation activities on the premises, or on the logical mining unit of which the lands are a part unless a written waiver is issued by the department. Proof of such expenditure shall be submitted to the department on the anniversary date of the lease. By mutual agreement the diligence requirement may be met by an in lieu payment of said amount to the state. Failure to expend this amount of money may result in forfeiture of the coal lease. Applicants for coal leases shall identify the logical mining unit in which the lands applied for lie. In the event the department, after investigation and examination, finds that the proposed logical mining unit will be in the best interest of the state, such designation of a logical mining unit will be approved. In the event the department finds that the proposed logical mining unit will not be in the best interest of the state, the diligence requirements shall apply only to the lands included within the lease. The boundaries of a designated logical mining unit may be adjusted if a coal lease is renewed.

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