**Section 1816.95 Stabilization of Surface Areas**

a) All exposed surface areas shall be protected and stabilized to control erosion and air pollution attendant to erosion in accordance with Section 1816.45(a).

b) Rills and gullies, deeper than nine (9) inches, which form in areas that have been regraded and topsoiled and rills and gullies of lesser size which the Department determines either disrupt the approved post-mining land use or the reestablishment of the vegetative cover, or cause or contribute to a violation of Section 1816.42 for receiving streams shall be filled, regraded, or otherwise stabilized; topsoil shall be replaced; and the areas shall be reseeded or replanted.

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