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Bond Release Procedures

As part of this cabinet's continuing efforts to improve customer service the Division of Field Services has conducted a thorough evaluation of its bond processing and bond release procedures. Several administrative changes are being implemented to simplify and speed up these procedures as much as possible. Permittees should be aware of two changes in particular:

- Soil samples from the permittee will no longer be required for Phase I release.
- Regional offices will process each bond release request to the Frankfort office within two (2) working days after expiration of the public comment period for the public notice, if a hearing is not requested. Bond release requests must be complete in all respects by the end of the public comment period. If a request is not complete by the end of the public comment period, it will be denied. In order to speed the bond release process and comply with regulatory timeframes, DSMRE can no longer accommodate permittee-caused delays by withholding a decision on incomplete requests pending submittal and approval of corrections or modifications. Questions should be directed to Keith Smith, Manager, Field Enforcement Branch, at (502) 564-2340.

Invasive, Non-native Trees and Shrubs

Nurseries operated by the Division of Forestry are phasing out, over a three-year period, the production of Autumn Olive, Black Alder, and Bicolor Lespedeza, and replacing them with Redbud, Silky Dogwood, Red Maple, Red Mulberry, and Wild Plum. Sawtooth Oak is also being discontinued. Questions should be directed to Jerry Zoochi, Chief, Staff Operations, Division of Forestry, 627 Comanche Trail, Frankfort, Ky., 40601. Tel. (502) 564-4496. Permittees using species being discontinued may need to order from other suppliers, or may wish to apply for minor field revisions in order to use substitute species that are available.

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