

WAC 332-14-070 Coal option contract. The department may issue a coal option contract after investigation of the character of the state lands if the department deems it to be in the best interests of the state. An option contract may be conditioned or denied based upon the department's analysis of potential environmental impacts arising from applicant's proposed exploration activities upon the premises. Applications will be considered received by the department upon the date of its arrival at the department's Olympia office. Applications for an option contract will not be considered during the term of an existing option contract. If more than one application for a coal option contract is received on the same day for the same premises, the successful applicant will be chosen by drawing lots. The coal option contract will be prepared by the department and mailed to the applicant for execution. Applicant shall have thirty days from the date of the mailing to sign and return the option contract to the department. Failure to return the signed contract within the specified period may result in the rejection of the application.

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