

THE AWARDS PROGRAM:

The ARRI Excellence in Reforestation Awards are presented each year to honor both active and abandoned coal mine reclamation operations from each State in the Appalachian Region that best exemplify the use of the Forestry Reclamation Approach (FRA) in conducting reclamation operations.

Awards will be made at the State and Regional level. The State award winners will be selected from Title IV and Title V nominations from each State. If a State determines there are no eligible Title IV sites, two Title V sites may be selected. Two awards may be given by each State. The State awards are evaluated and awarded by the ARRI Core Team members from their State. The presentation of State awards will be made at a time determined by the individual States.

Each State may nominate one of its award winners for consideration of the Regional award. One Regional award is selected from all State nominations received. The Regional award winner is selected by an ARRI Awards Team made up of members from the ARRI Core and Science Teams. The Regional award will be presented at the ARRI Mined Land Reforestation Conference to be held in August 2009 in Kentucky.



For questions regarding nominations
or the award program contact:

NOMINATIONS DUE 2008

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Excellence in Reforestation Awards

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

**APPALACHIAN
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WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR AN AWARD?

Any person, company or organization involved in promoting the use of the Forestry Reclamation Approach in reclaiming Title IV or Title V coal mined sites may be eligible for a State award. The Regional award will be selected from a pool of nominations of State awards winners.

RULES AND REQUIRED INFORMATION:

Each State Regulatory Authority will be responsible for seeking nominations for its State award. The methods a State chooses for seeking nominations and selecting its award(s) winners will be at its discretion. For a list of members of the ARRI Core Team from your State, please visit the ARRI web site at: <http://arri.osmre.gov/>.

To be considered for the Regional award, State recipient nomination packages must be prepared using the Regional award nomination format noted below. The nomination packages must be submitted to the ARRI Awards Team by March 31, 2009. One Regional award will be selected from the pool of State award recipients. The ARRI Awards Team will evaluate the nomination packages and make the selection for the Regional award by July 1, 2009.

REGIONAL AWARD NOMINATION FORMAT:

Nomination packages for the Regional award MUST be developed using the following format:

- A. Cover sheet containing:
 1. Company name.
 2. Name and location of the nominated mining operation (including driving directions).
 3. Permit number(s) of site being nominated (for Title IV sites, provide any identifying information available).
 4. Name, address, phone number, (and e-mail address if available) of a company contact person (and of the person submitting the nomination if different).
 5. Names and titles of all individuals directly responsible for on-the-ground reclamation at the nominated site.
 6. Name, address, and telephone number of land owner or land company contact.
- B. A narrative description of the reclamation using the Forestry Reclamation Approach. The narrative should be comprehensive and should describe the mining operation and the specific activity nominated for an award using the following outline:
 1. Brief history/background of the mining and reclamation.
 2. Description of the efforts in planting trees and following the Forestry Reclamation Approach (FRA), including specific problems, solutions, and unusual circumstances.
 3. On-site effectiveness of tree planting using the FRA. This should be documented and quantified with data.
 4. Transferability or value of the accomplishment(s) to other mining and reclamation operations.
 5. Long-term benefits to the landowner and local or regional community.
 6. Any other criteria that would distinguish the site for Regional Award consideration.
- C. Color photographs (not slides). The photos should show both the specific activity and the surrounding reclamation. When examined with the narrative description, the photographs should provide a clear understanding of the exemplary accomplishments. Photographs should be 8" x 10" or smaller, and labeled to explain what the photo shows. "Before and after" photos are desirable, but not required. There is no limit to the number of photographs that may be submitted.
- D. Format. Each nomination package must contain the required information (described above) in a three-ring, loose-leaf binder. Two copies must be submitted.

