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## TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

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Under IC 4-22-2-23, the Natural Resources Commission intends to adopt a rule concerning the following:

**OVERVIEW:** Amends 312 IAC 25 that assists in the administration of IC 14-34 (sometimes referred to as the "Indiana Surface Control and Reclamation Act" or "Indiana SMCRA") and that governs surface coal mining and reclamation activities. Amends 312 IAC 25-4-102 to require an applicant that proposes to establish commercial forest resources on prime farmland to submit for approval a commercial forest planting plan, commercial forest management plan, and documentation of landowner consent. Amends 312 IAC 25-6-143 to allow commercial forest resources on reclaimed prime farmland provided soil productivity is demonstrated according to soil productivity standards. Public questions and comments may be sent to the Division of Hearings, Natural Resources Commission, 402 West Washington Street, Room W272, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, by e-mail at jkane@nrc.in.gov, or by telephone at (317) 232-4699. Statutory authority: IC 14-10-2-4; IC 14-34-2.