

## HR 4078

Abandoned Hardrock Mines Reclamation Act of 2002

**Congress:** 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

**Introduced:** Mar 20, 2002

**Current Status:** Executive Comment Requested from Interior.

**Latest Action:** Executive Comment Requested from Interior. (Mar 26, 2002)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Udall, Mark [D-CO-2]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CO • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (18 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Schaffer, Bob [R-CO-4]	R · CO		Apr 9, 2002
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Apr 30, 2002
Rep. Tiberi, Patrick J. [R-OH-12]	R · OH		Apr 30, 2002
Resident Commissioner Acevedo-Vila, Anibal [D-PR-At Large]	D · PR		Apr 30, 2002
Rep. Carson, Julia [D-IN-10]	D · IN		May 2, 2002
Rep. Frank, Barney [D-MA-4]	D · MA		May 2, 2002
Rep. Matheson, Jim [D-UT-2]	D · UT		May 2, 2002
Rep. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT-At Large]	I · VT		May 8, 2002
Rep. Stark, Fortney Pete [D-CA-13]	D · CA		May 8, 2002
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		May 9, 2002
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		May 15, 2002
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		May 15, 2002
Rep. Kanjorski, Paul E. [D-PA-11]	D · PA		May 21, 2002
Rep. Wexler, Robert [D-FL-19]	D · FL		May 21, 2002
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Jun 6, 2002
Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Sep 4, 2002
Rep. Andrews, Robert E. [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Oct 16, 2002
Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Nov 13, 2002

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 26, 2002
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 21, 2002

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Mar 20, 2002)

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Abandoned Hardrock Mines Reclamation Act of 2002 - Establishes in the Treasury an interest-bearing Abandoned Minerals Mine Reclamation Fund. Requires any person producing hardrock minerals from a mine within an unpatented mining claim or a mine on land that was patented under the general mining laws to pay into such fund a percentage-based reclamation fee. Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to use the Fund for the reclamation and restoration affecting eligible areas.

Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to issue an abandoned or inactive mined land waste remediation permit to a remediating party (the United States, States, local governments, or Indian tribes) for discharges associated with remediation activity at abandoned or inactive mined land under certain conditions.

Authorizes and sets forth guidelines for issuance of permits by the Administrator and application requirements. Authorizes enforcement actions against parties who fail to comply with permit conditions.

Makes remediation plans under permits issued under this Act eligible for nonpoint source management grants.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 26, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Mar 26, 2002:** Executive Comment Requested from Interior.
- **Mar 21, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E422-424)
- **Mar 21, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Mar 20, 2002:** Introduced in House
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