

## HR 3778

Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program Extension and Reform Act of 2004

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**Chamber:** House

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

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Mar 30, 2004

## 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 Feb 4, 2004)

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Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program Extension and Reform Act of 2005 - Amends the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to repeal the authorization to use certain funds in the Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Fund (Fund) by the Secretary of Agriculture for rural land reclamation.

Revises guidelines governing: (1) the availability of moneys from the Fund; (2) the disposition of unappropriated Fund balances; (3) transfers to the United Mine Workers of America Combined Benefit Fund; and (4) submission of quarterly reports by operators of surface coal mining operations.

Revises requirements governing allocation of funds and allocation of funds to states and Indian tribes.

Prescribes guidelines for initial program sites and bond forfeiture sites with insolvent sureties.

Revises requirements for the granting of funds to set forth guidelines governing: (1) the application processing deadline; (2) the disposition of unexpended funds; and (3) a state set-aside program.

Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to require that states assume responsibility for administering the emergency reclamation program in order to remain eligible to receive grants.

Authorizes the Secretary to propose regulations prescribing conditions under which the Fund would be used to promote re-mining of eligible lands, including reclamation fee rebates or waivers and other incentives.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 30, 2004:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Feb 10, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Feb 10, 2004:** Executive Comment Requested from Interior.
- **Feb 4, 2004:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 4, 2004:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 4, 2004:** Referred to the House Committee on Resources.