

## HR 3796

Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Reform Act of 2004

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**Chamber:** House

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

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**Current Status:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.

**Latest Action:** Subcommittee Hearings Held. (Mar 30, 2004)

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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 11, 2004)

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Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Reform Act of 2004 - Amends the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to repeal the authorization that certain moneys in the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund may be used: (1) by the Secretary of Agriculture for reclamation of rural lands; and (2) by the Department of the Interior for studies by contract with organizations for advice and research and development projects technical assistance.

Reduces the reclamation fee required to be paid by operators of coal mining operations.

Revises Fund allocation requirements with respect to reclamation fees.

Repeals Fund objectives concerning: (1) protection , construction, or enhancement of public facilities such as utilities, roads, recreation and conservation facilities adversely affected by coal mining practices; and (2) the development of publicly owned land adversely affected by coal mining practices including land acquired as provided in this subchapter for recreation and historic purposes, conservation, and reclamation purposes and open space benefits.

States that no lien shall be filed against any person who neither consented to, nor participated in nor exercised control over the mining operation which necessitated reclamation. Repeals the limitation of such prohibition to persons who owned the surface before May 2, 1977.

Expands certification guidelines to prescribe payments to: (1) qualified States and Indian tribes; and (2) non-qualified States and Indian tribes.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 30, 2004:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Feb 20, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Feb 20, 2004:** Executive Comment Requested from Interior.
- **Feb 11, 2004:** Introduced in House
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