

## HR 504

Abandoned Hardrock Mines Reclamation Act

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**Chamber:** House

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

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| Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]                              | D · VA        |      | May 11, 2004 |
| Rep. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD-8]                            | D · MD        |      | May 13, 2004 |
| Rep. Andrews, Robert E. [D-NJ-1]                           | D · NJ        |      | Jun 1, 2004  |
| Rep. Farr, Sam [D-CA-17]                                   | D · CA        |      | Jul 7, 2004  |
| Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]                          | D · MN        |      | Jul 21, 2004 |
| Rep. Shays, Christopher [R-CT-4]                           | R · CT        |      | Sep 7, 2004  |

Committee Activity

| Committee                                   | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|---|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Natural Resources Committee                 | House   | Referred to | Feb 12, 2003 |
| Transportation and Infrastructure Committee | House   | Referred to | Jan 30, 2003 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 29, 2003)

Abandoned Hardrock Mines Reclamation Act - 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 the Secretary of the Interior a percentage-based reclamation fee for deposit into the Abandoned Minerals Mine Reclamation Fund. Establishes in the Treasury an interest-bearing Abandoned Minerals Mine Reclamation Fund administered by the Secretary. Authorizes the Secretary to use the Fund for reclamation and restoration of eligible areas, and approved State reclamation programs and Federal remediation activities.

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 for discharges associated with remediation activity at abandoned or inactive mined land under certain conditions.

Prescribes guidelines for issuance of permits and application requirements. Authorizes the Administrator to delegate to the States the authority for issuance and review of reclamation permits.

Authorizes enforcement actions against parties who fail to comply with permit conditions.

Sunsets the authority to issue an abandoned or inactive mined land waste remediation permits.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 12, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Feb 12, 2003:** Executive Comment Requested from Interior.
- **Feb 6, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E154-155)
- **Jan 30, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Jan 29, 2003:** Introduced in House
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