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Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program Extension and Reform Act of 2005

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Committee Activity

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Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	May 31, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 26, 2005)

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 remining of eligible lands, including reclamation fee rebates or waivers and other incentives.

Actions Timeline

- **May 31, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **May 26, 2005:** Introduced in House
- **May 26, 2005:** Referred to the House Committee on Resources.

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