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A bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects and acid mine remediation programs.

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Feb 4, 2013
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Feb 4, 2013
Sen. Udall, Mark [D-CO]	D · CO		Feb 4, 2013

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Reported By	Apr 22, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 488	Identical bill	Feb 8, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Amends the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, with respect to the allocation of surface mining reclamation funds to states and Indian tribes, to authorize uncertified states and Indian tribes to use certain unexpended and unappropriated balance amounts for: (1) acid mine drainage abatement and treatment, and (2) noncoal abandoned mine land reclamation.

Modifies limitations placed upon the allocation of such surface mining reclamation funds to provide for payments for filling voids and sealing tunnels and entryways of noncoal mines as well as coal mines.

("Uncertified states and Indian tribes" are those which have not certified completion of their abandoned coal mine reclamation work to the Secretary of the Interior.)

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 22, 2013:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Wyden without amendment. With written report No. 113-20.
- **Apr 22, 2013:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 51.
- **Mar 14, 2013:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Feb 4, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 4, 2013:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.