

HR 2462

Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Fee Reauthorization Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Cheney, Liz [R-WY-At Large]

Party: Republican • State: WY • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Apr 13, 2021
Rep. Miller, Carol D. [R-WV-3]	R · WV		Apr 13, 2021
Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Apr 15, 2021
Rep. Mooney, Alexander X. [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Apr 16, 2021
Rep. Gibbs, Bob [R-OH-7]	R · OH		Apr 30, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 13, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 5, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1600	Related bill	May 12, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
117 S 1447	Related bill	Apr 29, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

## **Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Fee Reauthorization Act of 2021**

This bill reduces the fee certain coal mining operations must pay to the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund, reauthorizes such fee through FY2028, and otherwise revises provisions regarding the fund and mine reclamation.

Under the existing Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Program, the Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) collects a fee from coal mining companies for each ton of coal produced. The fees are deposited into the fund, which may be used to address hazards to public health, safety, and the environment from coal mining sites that were abandoned or unreclaimed as of August 3, 1977. For example, the fund may be used to provide grants to states and Indian tribes to reclaim and clean up land and water affected by such sites.

OSMRE's authority to collect the fee expires on September 30, 2021. This bill extends the authority to collect the fee for seven years and reduces the fee for all categories of coal. It also provides additional grants for certain priority sites and revises requirements governing the distribution of grants to states and Indian tribes from the program.

In addition, the bill allows states to (1) enter into a memorandum of understanding with relevant states or federal agencies to clean up lands and waters affected by such sites, and (2) partner with a community reclaimer who volunteers to carry out a reclamation project approved by the Department of the Interior.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 5, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Apr 13, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 13, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.