
ABANDONED MINE LANDS

Section 402(a) of the Act requires that operators pay a reclamation fee for each ton of coal produced. The fees are deposited in the Treasury as a fund called the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund (the Fund) for use in reclaiming lands and water adversely affected by past coal mining. Money from the Fund is also used to administer the OSM Small Operator Assistance Program (SOAP) and the Department of Agriculture Rural Abandoned Mine Program (RAMP). States with an approved State regulatory program are eligible to administer a State abandoned mine land reclamation (AMLR) program, which includes submission of a reclamation plan and annual applications for program assistance.

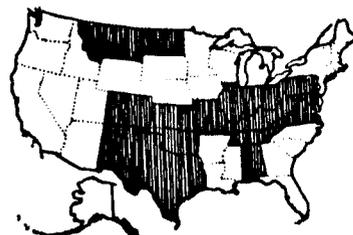
All States with regulatory primacy either have approved AMLR programs or have indicated intent to seek approval.^{7/} To minimize delays in the States' implementation of AMLR projects, efforts were made to have the regulatory and AMLR programs processed simultaneously. During FY 1984, Alaska's AMLR program was approved, bringing the total of States with approved AMLR programs to 23.

During FY 1984, grant requests from 23 States were approved for \$248.3 million. These projects reflected the highest reclamation priorities, as required by the Act. In addition, approximately \$26.7 million for Federal construction projects or cooperative agreements with the States was awarded, \$7.5 million was provided to the RAMP program, and \$741 thousand was granted to small operators through the SOAP program.

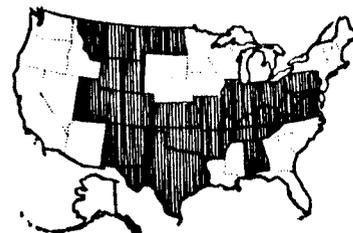
^{7/} On October 1, 1984, 22 of the 24 States with regulatory primacy had approved AMLR programs.



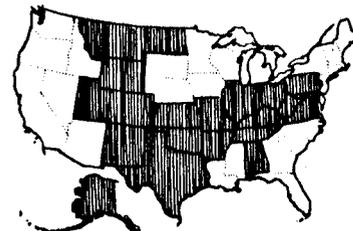
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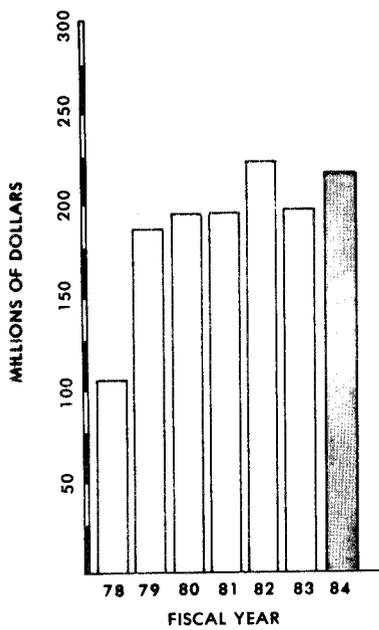
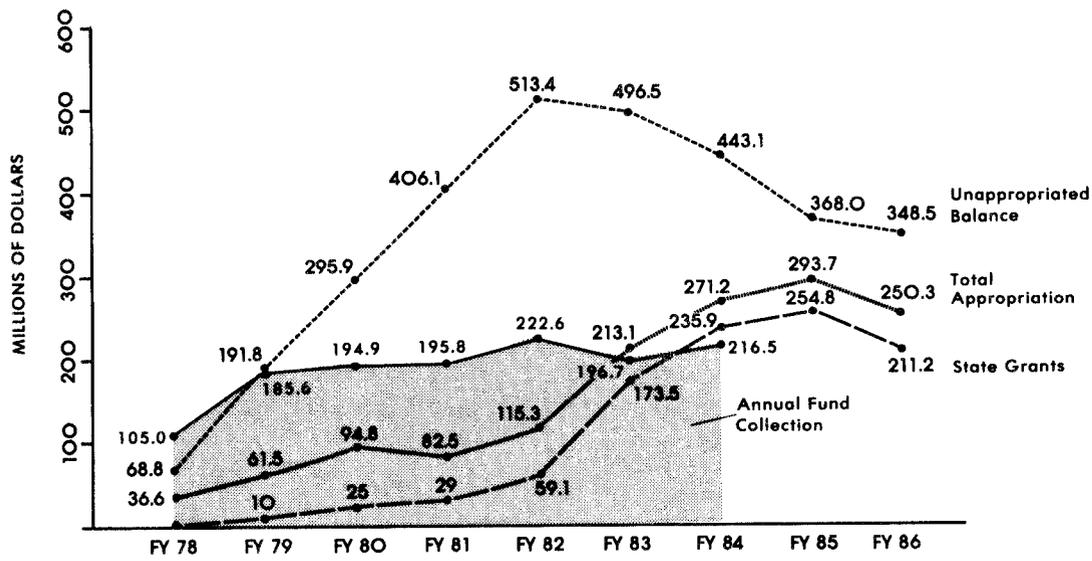
Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund Status

State or Indian Tribe	Fees collected (FY 1984)	Interior projects (FY 1984) ¹	RAMP projects (FY 1984)	SOAP grants (FY 1984)	State allocation (FY 1984)	Revenues collected (FY 1978- 1984)
Alabama	\$6,449,386	\$2,777,875	\$399,000	0	\$3,224,693	\$41,136,696
Alaska	291,657	40,547	0	0	145,828	1,849,135
Arkansas	23,040	0	441,000	0	11,520	467,837
Colorado	4,750,437	456,651	0	\$50,000	2,375,219	33,125,931
Georgia	40,194	747,525	0	0	20,097	91,927
Illinois	14,853,150	362,283	204,000	200,000	7,426,575	91,973,188
Indiana	11,600,703	579,391	0	0	5,800,351	66,340,024
Iowa	138,688	0	335,000	0	69,344	1,186,309
Kansas	445,526	317,237	0	0	222,763	2,753,783
Kentucky	36,118,155	4,690,022	1,144,000	0	18,059,078	226,907,889
Maryland	1,018,026	0	399,000	0	509,013	6,119,207
Missouri	1,946,909	0	0	0	973,455	12,789,887
Montana	9,684,942	114,051	0	0	4,842,471	61,003,744
New Mexico	2,551,430	1,960,056	0	0	1,275,715	17,392,986
North Dakota	1,966,343	50,982	19,000	0	983,172	11,041,962
Ohio	11,087,538	373,994	815,000	0	5,543,769	73,016,283
Oklahoma	1,383,407	0	160,000	0	691,704	11,190,689
Pennsylvania	20,376,877	8,836,474	1,505,000	0	10,188,439	140,546,813
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	1,582,290	747,411	282,000	300,000	791,145	13,684,174
Texas	4,130,141	0	93,000	0	2,065,071	20,717,977
Utah	1,860,876	0	0	0	930,438	12,503,397
Virginia	7,048,029	1,026,615	589,000	0	3,524,015	44,292,366
Washington	1,418,263	591,674	0	0	709,131	10,336,102
West Virginia	25,539,906	3,596,102	985,000	191,275	12,769,953	142,779,385
Wyoming	40,767,660	195,690	134,000	0	20,383,830	215,770,361
Other States	0	² 1,408,843	0	0	0	0
Crow Tribe	857,748	275,554	0	0	428,874	8,412,370
Hopi Tribe	664,400	353,127	0	0	332,200	3,343,169
Navajo Tribe	7,937,769	0	0	0	3,968,885	45,638,768
Total	216,533,489	26,664,418	7,504,000	741,275	108,266,748	1,316,419,358

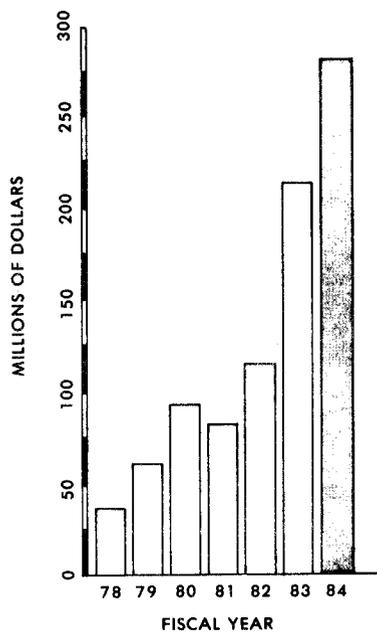
¹ Funds obligated from Secretary's Discretionary Share.

² A net deobligation of funds for all other States.

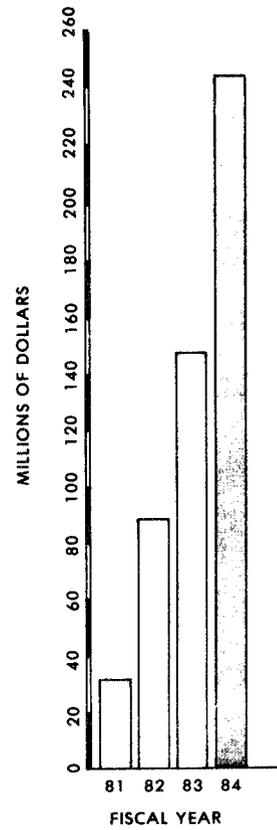
Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund Appropriations



AML FUND COLLECTION



AML FUND APPROPRIATIONS



STATE AND INDIAN AML PROGRAM GRANT AWARDS

State And Indian AML Program Grant Awards

State or Indian tribe	Plan preparation	First Annual submission of projects	Adminis- trative grants	Construction grants
Alabama	0	0	\$345,619	\$29,375
Alaska	0	0	399,610	0
Arkansas	0	0	91,344	78,656
Colorado	0	0	886,514	4,631,179
Illinois	0	0	1,819,129	11,416,890
Indiana	0	0	98,200	7,001,800
Iowa	0	0	162,063	0
Kansas	0	0	229,466	0
Kentucky	0	0	2,779,690	35,834,752
Louisiana	0	\$134,833	0	0
Maryland	0	0	350,970	222,425
Michigan	0	0	0	0
Mississippi	0	0	0	0
Missouri	0	0	1,155,957	15,194,466
Montana	0	0	1,058,116	6,348,758
New Mexico	0	0	686,074	0
North Dakota	0	0	750,984	2,736,099
Ohio	0	0	2,491,586	9,828,414
Oklahoma	0	0	446,223	1,336,647
Pennsylvania	0	0	2,000,000	64,280,000
Rhode Island	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	0	0	369,368	1,836,344
Texas	0	0	267,743	0
Utah	0	0	782,260	941,550
Virginia	0	0	1,427,905	6,160,208
Washington	0	0	0	0
West Virginia	0	0	2,816,402	20,016,398
Wyoming	0	0	3,510,926	33,231,147
Crow	\$7,664	9,511	0	0
Hopi	6,930	0	0	0
Navajo	0	46,481	0	0
Total	14,594	190,825	24,926,149	223,123,108

Interior Department AML Projects
 Completed Or Under Contract In FY 1984 ^{1/}

State	High priority		Emergency	
	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
Alabama	5	\$5,006,260	6	\$209,439
Alaska	2	126,774	0	0
Arizona	1	353,127	1	319,415
Arkansas	0	0	0	0
California	1	6,015	1	9,894
Colorado	3	160,192	10	962,630
Georgia	5	767,301	0	0
Illinois	9	2,731,610	12	604,917
Indiana	6	1,194,736	8	114,481
Kansas	2	1,444,031	1	342,744
Kentucky	12	6,754,211	64	7,910,283
Maryland	1	300,000	0	0
Michigan	8	979,800	2	38,594
Missouri	7	5,524,267	0	0
Montana	9	480,455	3	79,800
New Mexico	6	190,222	7	1,976,921
North Dakota	4	1,320,101	2	215,892
Ohio	17	7,416,753	24	442,999
Oklahoma	3	727,950	0	0
Pennsylvania	37	26,969,054	108	20,250,472
Tennessee	3	3,434,809	0	0
Texas	2	689,546	0	0
Virginia	8	4,003,723	10	1,121,943
Washington	7	562,941	4	28,733
West Virginia	15	10,214,363	46	5,752,302
Wyoming	4	538,045	6	175,643
Other States	5	727,960	1	555
Total	181	84,624,246	316	40,457,257

¹ Total project obligations since projects were initiated.

Interior Department AML Projects Started Since FY 1978^{1/}

Fiscal year	High priority		Emergency		Total	
	No.	Obligation	No.	Obligation	No.	Obligation
1978	4	\$2,269,886	3	\$101,068	7	\$2,370,954
1979	79	9,507,614	26	358,790	105	9,866,404
1980	154	47,976,304	105	3,937,206	259	51,913,510
1981	10	3,170,829	97	10,450,817	107	13,621,646
1982	40	14,244,183	98	6,734,196	138	20,978,379
1983	38	19,621,670	151	15,939,808	189	35,561,478
1984	37	7,542,488	219	19,141,930	256	26,684,418
Total	362	104,332,974	699	56,633,815	1,061	160,996,789

¹ Funds obligated from Secretary's Discretionary Share.

Non-AMLR Fund Projects^{1/}

Funding source	State	No.	Federal funds obligated in FY 1984
Anthracite Mine Drainage and Flood Control Act, P.L. 84-162 (1965) and P.L. 87-818 (1962).	Pennsylvania	1	\$80,000
Extinguishment of Outcrop and Underground Fires, P.L. 83-738 (1954).	Colorado	2	159,000
	Montana	1	0
	New Mexico	1	28,000
Appalachian Regional Development Act, P.L. 89-4 (1965).	Ohio	3	0
	Pennsylvania	2	330,000
Mined land demonstrations - Appropriations anthracite.	Pennsylvania	1	0
Mined land demonstrations - Appropriations bituminous.	Illinois	2	10,000
Total		13	607,000

¹ U.S. Bureau of Mines programs transferred to OSM by Secretarial order 3074, dated February 1, 1982.

Major AMLR policy initiatives undertaken in FY 1984 include--

- approved the assumption of emergency program responsibilities in Illinois, raising the total of approved State emergency programs to three (in FY 1983, Montana and Arkansas assumed emergency program responsibilities);
 - increased AMLR fee collection activities in order to gain additional funds for reclamation;
 - published a final programmatic environmental impact statement that will reduce the burden on the States for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act;
 - presented to Congress legislative options to allow the Indian tribes
- to gain primacy over their surface mining regulatory and abandoned mine land reclamation programs;
- published final regulations to require the continued payment of reclamation fees as a permit condition; to implement the cost recovery and penalty provisions of the Debt Collection Act; to provide notification of OSM's authority to review records of preparation plants, support facilities, and loading facilities; and to establish OSM's authority to estimate fee liability in the absence of an operator's records; and
 - began development of regulations to implement a grant program for mine subsidence insurance.
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