



# Fact Sheet



Commonwealth of Pennsylvania • Department of Environmental Protection

## New Initiatives Reclaim Pennsylvania's Abandoned Mines At Record Pace

	2001 Reclamation Summary		
	Expected Results		
	Acres Reclaimed	Stream Miles Improved	Project Value
<b>"Growing Greener"</b>			
Watershed Grants	500	83	\$8,716,134
DEP Contracts	632	36	\$7,651,573 \$3,630,941
<i>Other Programs Administered by DEP:</i>			
Health and Safety (federal Title IV program)	924	--	\$5,054,834
Bond Forfeiture (primacy and pre-primacy)	223	--	\$1,268,656
EPA Section 319	10	5.5	\$1,477,367
"Reclaim PA" Grants	--	5	\$20,000
AMD Treatment Facilities Operating Cost	--	65	\$828,469
Other Programs			
<i>Programs Administered by Federal Agencies</i>			
Emergencies – OSM Administered	18	--	\$1,949,617
NRCS P.L. 566	228	54.2	\$3,012,500
<b>Government-Funded Subtotal:</b>	<b>2535</b>	<b>248.7</b>	<b>\$33,610,091</b>
<b>AML Reclamation by Industry:</b>			
Remining	1,660	8	\$9,135,970
"No Cost" Government-Financed Construction Contracts	164	6	\$937,310
Surety Reclamation	0	0	0
Reclamation-in-Lieu of Civil Penalty	41	2	\$204,790
Other Programs			
<b>Industry Subtotal</b>	<b>1,865</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>\$10,278,070</b>
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>264.7</b>	<b>\$43,888,161</b>

1995-2002 Reclamation Summary		
Acres Reclaimed	Stream Miles Improved	Project Value
2,022	340	\$26,200,181
1,304	72	\$14,139,953 \$5,440,630
3,393	--	\$40,480,279
1,255	--	\$9,694,253
10	138	\$5,527,766
--	10	\$666,565
--	65	\$4,464,469
4,553	94	\$4,670,000
198	--	\$18,896,825
263	68.2	\$4,489,032
<b>12,998</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>\$134,669,953</b>
14,951	114	\$91,957,937
323	11	\$2,037,140
669	40	\$4,309,500
93	13	\$858,505
4,266	4	\$401,000
<b>20,302</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>\$99,564,082</b>
<b>33,300</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>\$234,234,035</b>



Note: AMD – Acid Mine Drainage, AML – Abandoned Mine Lands, EPA – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, NRCS – U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service, and OSM – U.S. Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

Thanks to a Comprehensive Mine Reclamation Plan adopted in 1995 that attacks Pennsylvania's abandoned mine problems on multiple fronts, a record 33,300 acres of land have been reclaimed with a project value of over \$234.2 million and 969 miles of streams improved in the last seven years. The Plan has four main elements:

- 1) DEP ensures new mining operations do not contribute to this legacy and has achieved a 99 percent success rate in permitting new operations without discharges and adopted a new program to bond new mines at the full cost of reclamation;
- 2) incentives encourage operators to reclaim abandoned sites through the Reclaim PA Program, in fact for every one acre reclaimed with government funds, industry reclaims one and a half acres;

3) the use of federal and state reclamation dollars is maximized, however, \$1.5 billion still remain in federal hands unused for reclamation; and

4) through the Growing Greener Program local watershed-based partnerships are encouraged to take on reclamation projects with every \$1 of state funds matched by \$1.25 or more of local funding or services.

Contact the following DEP offices for information about mining and reclamation or abandoned mine land issues.

**Office of Mineral Resources Management**

Rachel Carson State Office Building  
PO Box 2063  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2063  
717-783-5338

**Bureau of Mining and Reclamation**

Rachel Carson State Office Building  
PO Box 8461  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8461  
717-787-5103

**Bureau of District Mining Operations**

**District Headquarters**

3913 Washington Road  
McMurray, PA 15317-2532  
724-941-7100

**Pottsville District Mining Office**

5 West Laurel Boulevard  
Pottsville, PA 17901-2454  
570-621-3118

**Counties Served:** Adams, Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Franklin, Juniata, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Mifflin, Monroe, Montgomery, Montour, Northampton, Northumberland, Perry, Philadelphia, Pike, Schuylkill, Snyder, Susquehanna, Union, Wayne, Wyoming and York

**Hawk Run District Mining Office**

Empire Road, PO Box 209  
Hawk Run, PA 16840-0209  
814-342-8200

**Counties Served:** Bradford, Cameron, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Lycoming, Potter, Sullivan and Tioga

**Knox District Mining Office**

White Memorial Building, PO Box 669  
Knox, PA 16232-0669  
814-797-1191

**Counties Served:** Butler, Clarion, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Venango and Warren

**Cambria District Mining Office**

286 Industrial Park Road  
Ebensburg, PA 15931-0625  
814-472-1900

**Counties Served:** Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon, Indiana and Somerset

**Greensburg District Mining Office**

Armbrust Building, RR 2, Box 603C  
Greensburg, PA 15601-0982  
724-925-5500

**Counties Served:** Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Fayette, Greene, Washington and Westmoreland

**McMurray District Mining Office**

3913 Washington Road  
McMurray, PA 15317-2532  
724-941-7100

**Counties Served:** All counties with underground bituminous mining and subsidence

**Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation**

**Central Office**

Rachel Carson State Office Building  
PO Box 8476  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8476  
717-783-2267

**Wilkes-Barre District Office**

2 Public Square, 5th Floor  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711-0790  
570-826-2371

**Counties Served:** All anthracite counties

**Cambria District Office**

286 Industrial Park Road  
Ebensburg, PA 15931-0625  
814-472-1800

**Counties Served:** All bituminous counties

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