

Summary: H.R.4248 — 116th Congress (2019-2020)

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Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act Amendments of 2019

This bill reauthorizes the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund fees and expands the payments from the fund for abandoned coal mine cleanups.

Specifically, the bill

- authorizes the Department of the Interior to reimburse states and tribal governments from the fund for the emergency restoration, reclamation, abatement, control, or prevention of adverse effects of coal mining practices;
- extends the authority for Interior to collect reclamation fees through FY2036; and
- increases the minimum amount of funds from \$3 million to \$5 million that Interior must award to states and Indian tribes who have an approved abandoned mine reclamation program.

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