

STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, OR A TERRITORY OR POSSESSION OF THE UNITED STATES.

ARTICLE III

STATE PROGRAMS

EACH PARTY STATE AGREES THAT WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME IT WILL FORMULATE AND ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE PROGRAM FOR THE CONSERVATION AND USE OF MINED LAND, BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDARDS, ENACTMENT OF LAWS, OR THE CONTINUING OF THE SAME IN FORCE, TO ACCOMPLISH:

1. THE PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PROTECTION OF ADJOINING AND OTHER LANDOWNERS FROM DAMAGE TO THEIR LANDS AND THE STRUCTURES AND OTHER PROPERTY THEREON RESULTING FROM THE CONDUCT OF MINING OPERATIONS OR THE ABANDONMENT OR NEGLECT OF LAND AND PROPERTY FORMERLY USED IN THE CONDUCT OF SUCH OPERATIONS.

2. THE CONDUCT OF MINING AND THE HANDLING OF REFUSE AND OTHER MINING WASTES IN WAYS THAT WILL REDUCE ADVERSE EFFECTS ON THE ECONOMIC, RESIDENTIAL, RECREATIONAL OR AESTHETIC VALUE AND UTILITY OF LAND AND WATER.

3. THE INSTITUTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SUITABLE PROGRAMS FOR ADAPTATION, RESTORATION, AND REHABILITATION OF MINED LANDS.

4. THE PREVENTION, ABATEMENT AND CONTROL OF WATER, AIR AND SOIL POLLUTION RESULTING FROM MINING, PRESENT, PAST AND FUTURE.

ARTICLE IV

POWERS

IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER POWERS CONFERRED UPON THE INTERSTATE MINING COMMISSION, ESTABLISHED BY ARTICLE V OF THIS COMPACT, SUCH COMMISSION SHALL HAVE POWER TO:

1. STUDY MINING OPERATIONS, PROCESSES AND TECHNIQUES FOR THE PURPOSE OF GAINING KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING THE EFFECTS OF SUCH OPERATIONS, PROCESSES AND TECHNIQUES ON LAND, SOIL, WATER, AIR, PLANT AND ANIMAL LIFE, RECREATION, AND PATTERNS OF COMMUNITY OR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT OR CHANGE.