

THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL APPLY ONLY TO THE "FEDERAL-STATE RECLAMATION FUND."

7-904.

(A) THE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO PROMULGATE AND ENFORCE ANY RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE PROJECTS WITH OTHER STATES OR GOVERNMENTAL BODIES IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE.

7-905.

(A) THE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO DEVELOP A RECLAMATION PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE FEDERAL SURFACE MINING CONTROL AND RECLAMATION ACT OF 1977, AND TO SUBMIT SUCH PLAN TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR APPROVAL PURSUANT TO THAT ACT.

(B) SUBSEQUENT TO FEDERAL APPROVAL OF THE RECLAMATION PLAN, THE DEPARTMENT MAY APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT ANY AND ALL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR RECLAMATION, AND SHALL ADMINISTER THEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE. SUCH FUNDS MAY BE USED FOR ALL COSTS RELATED TO ELIMINATION OF THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF PAST COAL MINING PRACTICES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PLANNING AND ENGINEERING COSTS, COSTS OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, SURVEYS, INVESTIGATIONS AND FEASIBILITY STUDIES, CONSTRUCTION AND INSPECTION COSTS, ACTUAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COSTS OF PERMANENT FACILITIES, AND ALL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.

7-906.

(A) THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL REFLECT THE FOLLOWING PRIORITIES IN THE ORDER STATED:

(1) THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, GENERAL WELFARE, AND PROPERTY FROM EXTREME DANGER OF ADVERSE EFFECTS OF COAL MINING PRACTICES;

(2) THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND GENERAL WELFARE FROM ADVERSE EFFECTS OF COAL MINING PRACTICES;

(3) THE RESTORATION OF LAND AND WATER RESOURCES AND THE ENVIRONMENT PREVIOUSLY DEGRADED BY ADVERSE EFFECTS OF COAL MINING PRACTICES INCLUDING MEASURES FOR THE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF SOIL, WATER (EXCLUDING CHANNELIZATION), WOODLAND, FISH AND WILDLIFE, RECREATION RESOURCES, AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY.

(4) RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND WATER QUALITY CONTROL PROGRAM METHODS AND TECHNIQUES;