

Section 402(a) of the surface mining law requires that operators pay a reclamation fee for each ton of coal produced. The fees are deposited with the U.S. Treasury in a fund called the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund and are used to reclaim sites that were mined and left unreclaimed before the surface mining law was enacted in 1977. Money from the Fund is also used to administer the Small Operator Assistance Program (SOAP) and the Department of Agriculture's Rural Abandoned Mine Program (RAMP).

States with an approved state regulatory program are eligible to administer a state abandoned mine land reclamation (AMLR) program, following approval of a reclamation plan by OSMRE. Upon request from the states, OSMRE provides funding to support the state programs. Of the 24 states with regulatory primacy, all but Mississippi and Louisiana had approved AMLR programs and received funding for them from OSMRE during fiscal year 1985.

OSMRE collected more than \$226 million in reclamation fees from coal producers during fiscal year 1985. Grant requests from 22 states were approved for \$273.6 million, and were used to fund projects reflecting the highest reclamation priorities, as required by law.

In addition, approximately \$25.9 million was awarded for Federal construction projects or cooperative agreements with the states. Approximately \$10.9 million was provided to the Rural Abandoned Mine Program, with \$4.6 million of that used in administration, design, and investigation of projects and \$6.3 million used for construction.

Small Operator Assistance Program (SOAP)

Section 401(b)(1) of the Act authorizes a specified amount of the fees collected for the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund to be used to support the Small Operator Assistance Program (SOAP). The program is designed to assist small coal mine operators (those producing less than 100,000 tons per year at all sites) in meeting certain technical permit application requirements. The regulatory authority assumes the cost of preparing an analysis of probable hydrologic consequences and characterizing the geology and overburden materials at a proposed mining site.

These analyses are performed by qualified public or private laboratories under contract to the regulatory authority. The SOAP is administered by state regulatory authorities for those states that have gained primacy, or by OSMRE for Federal Program states.

During fiscal year 1985, OSMRE provided \$1.4 million in operational grants to the states for small mine operator assistance. Also during the year, a Federal small operator assistance program was initiated in Tennessee.

ABANDONED MINE RECLAMATION FUND STATUS

State or Indian Tribe	Fees collected (FY 1985)	Interior projects (FY 1985) ¹	RAMP projects (FY 1985)	SOAP grants (FY 1985)	State allocation (FY 1985)	Revenues collected (FY 1978-1985)
Alabama	\$ 6,634,622	\$ 5,857,942	\$ 260,471		\$ 3,317,311	\$ 48,271,319
Alaska	410,730	36,200	0		205,365	2,259,875
Arkansas	25,356	0	287,700		12,678	493,194
Colorado	4,769,260	179,065	0	\$ 50,000	2,384,630	37,895,193
Georgia	27,353	279,096	0		13,676	119,281
Illinois	14,003,962	180,684	174,803	100,000	7,001,981	105,977,151
Indiana	11,987,946	599,210	0	125,000	5,993,973	78,327,971
Iowa	171,701	0	394,892	109,950	85,851	1,358,010
Kansas	349,732	797,927	0		174,866	3,103,516
Kentucky	36,913,351	4,704,665	934,020		18,456,676	263,821,241
Maryland	845,428	680,220	163,325	140,000	422,714	6,964,637
Missouri	2,368,189	297,228	20		1,184,094	15,158,076
Montana	11,339,332	(1,685)	0		5,669,666	72,343,075
New Mexico	3,302,024	(252,144)	0	15,000	1,651,012	20,695,008
North Dakota	2,537,410	(71,975)	31,776		1,268,705	13,579,372
Ohio	10,191,769	649,885	972,994		5,095,884	83,208,003
Oklahoma	1,400,793	(247,087)	135,090		700,396	12,591,483
Pennsylvania	22,000,631	9,769,818	1,139,946	825,000	11,000,315	162,547,445
Tennessee	1,722,674	(876,905)	232,322		861,337	15,406,849
Texas	4,224,201	(515,000)	8,016		2,112,100	24,942,179
Utah	1,882,461	0	0		941,230	14,385,860
Virginia	7,381,225	1,054,688	571,451		3,690,612	51,680,592
Washington	1,428,748	204,673	0		714,374	12,264,851
West Virginia	22,791,279	1,252,396	898,203	50,000	11,395,639	165,570,665
Wyoming	48,725,852	4,027	97,999		24,362,926	264,496,215
Other States	0	248,213	0		0	0
Crow Tribe	876,791	277,059	0		438,396	9,289,162
Hopi Tribe	737,865	324,978	0		368,933	4,081,036
Navajo Tribe	7,375,816	429,259	0		3,687,908	53,014,585
Total	\$226,426,498	\$25,862,437	\$6,296,624	\$1,414,950	\$113,213,249	\$1,543,845,845

¹ Funds obligated from Secretary's Discretionary Share.

**AML STATE AND INDIAN PROGRAM ASSISTANCE
(FUNDED AMOUNT OF AWARD)
FY 1985 AWARDS**

State	Plan Preparation	First Annual Submission of Projects	Administrative Grants	Construction Grants
Alabama			\$ 1,384,171	
Alaska			160,209	
Arkansas		\$27,811	59,248	\$ 256,000
Colorado			633,035	1,384,411
Illinois			1,630,195	14,503,335
Indiana			2,134,567	6,926,131
Iowa			302,277	3,850,855
Kansas			366,383	
Kentucky			3,004,058	31,387,745
Louisiana				
Maryland			255,916	583,955
Michigan				
Mississippi				
Missouri			1,113,170	7,380,427
Montana			468,730	5,063,524
New Mexico			673,305	1,842,678
North Dakota			362,013	2,094,142
Ohio			3,294,259	8,226,725
Oklahoma			752,072	434,560
Pennsylvania			11,145,288	57,112,684
Rhode Island				
Tennessee			10,759	
Texas			809,335	
Utah			165,863	2,273,514
Virginia			1,204,385	9,051,055
Washington				
West Virginia			4,585,740	32,172,148
Wyoming			2,750,318	51,763,061
Crow	\$128,983			
Hopi	40,561			
Navajo	273,738			
Total	\$443,282	\$27,811	\$37,265,296	\$236,306,950

**INTERIOR DEPARTMENT AML PROJECTS
COMPLETED OR UNDER CONTRACT IN FY 1985¹**

	High Priority		Emergency	
	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
Alabama	4	\$ 4,405,959	3	\$ 6,242,937
Alaska	2	162,973	0	0
California	1	6,496	1	129,320
Colorado	2	104,622	10	207,446
Georgia	6	1,046,397	0	0
Illinois	3	1,745,218	2	804,279
Indiana	4	1,125,853	15	669,222
Kansas	3	1,866,769	1	726,333
Kentucky	5	3,853,328	61	10,979,602
Maryland	1	302,000	2	453,220
Michigan	8	1,052,397	0	0
Missouri	6	5,734,583	0	0
Montana	1	10,000	0	0
New Mexico	3	80,787	5	138,126
North Dakota	2	593,511	0	0
Ohio	11	4,516,584	20	1,321,130
Oklahoma	1	300,000	2	145
Pennsylvania	27	26,191,491	118	20,563,326
Rhode Island	1	558,000	0	0
Tennessee	1	789,075	0	0
Texas	1	50,000	1	35,000
Utah	1	114,098	0	0
Virginia	6	4,127,507	7	1,301,972
Washington	6	666,384	3	29,074
West Virginia	13	9,250,654	31	6,599,646
Wyoming	2	404,290	3	8,658
Other States	5	48,436	0	0
Crow Tribe	7	552,613	0	0
Hopi Tribe	2	678,105	0	0
Navajo Tribe	4	463,376	2	327,915
Total	139	\$70,801,506	287	\$50,537,351

¹ Funds obligated from Secretary's Discretionary Share. Total project obligations since projects were initiated.

**INTERIOR DEPARTMENT AML PROJECTS
STARTED SINCE FY 1978¹**

	High Priority		Emergency		Total	
	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
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	153	47,982,176	105	3,931,334	258	51,913,510
1981	10	3,170,802	97	10,450,844	107	13,621,646
1982	40	14,244,183	98	6,734,196	138	20,978,379
1983	38	19,610,468	151	15,951,010	189	35,561,478
1984	37	7,292,400	213	19,390,772	250	26,683,172
1985	13	(430,272)	192	25,908,561	205	25,478,289
Total	374	\$103,647,257	885	\$82,826,575	1,259	\$186,473,832

¹ Funds obligated from Secretary's Discretionary Share.

NON-AML FUND PROJECTS¹

Funding source	State	No.	Federal funds obligated in FY 1985
Anthracite Mine Drainage and Flood Control Act, P.L. 84-162 (1955) and P.L. 87-818 (1962).	Pennsylvania	1	\$201,000
Extinguishment of Outcrop and Underground Fires, P.L. 83-738 (1954).	Colorado	3	75,000
	North Dakota	2	5,000
Appalachian Regional Development Act, P.L. 89-4 (1965).	Maryland	1	225,000
	Ohio	4	0
	Pennsylvania	2	0
Mined land demonstrations—anthracite.	Pennsylvania	1	0
Mined land demonstrations—bituminous.	Illinois	1	0
Total		15	\$506,000

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

**SMALL OPERATORS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
(FUNDED AMOUNT OF AWARD)
AS OF 9/30/85**

State	Operation Grants	
	FY 1984	FY 1985
Alabama	\$	\$
Alaska		
Arkansas		
Colorado	50,000	50,000
Illinois	200,000	100,000
Indiana		125,000
Iowa		109,950
Kansas		
Kentucky		
Louisiana		
Maryland		140,000
Michigan		
Mississippi		
Missouri		
Montana		
New Mexico		15,000
North Dakota		
Ohio		
Oklahoma		
Pennsylvania		825,000
Rhode Island		
Tennessee	300,000	
Texas		
Utah		
Virginia		
West Virginia	191,275	50,000
Wyoming		
Crow		
Hopi		
Navajo		
Total	\$ 741,275	\$1,414,950

NOTE: NO ADMINISTRATIVE GRANTS AWARDED IN FY 1984 AND FY 1985