

**§ 1241. Omitted****Editorial Notes****CODIFICATION**

Section, Pub. L. 95-87, title IV, § 412, formerly § 411, Aug. 3, 1977, 91 Stat. 466, renumbered § 412, Pub. L. 101-508, title VI, § 6010(1), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-296, which required the Secretary of the Interior or the State pursuant to an approved State program to report to Congress annually on operations under the fund together with recommendations for future use of the fund, terminated, effective May 15, 2000, pursuant to section 3003 of Pub. L. 104-66, as amended, set out as a note under section 1113 of Title 31, Money and Finance. See, also, page 109 of House Document No. 103-7.

**§ 1242. Powers of Secretary or State****(a) Engage in work, promulgate rules and regulations, etc., to implement and administer this subchapter**

The Secretary or the State pursuant to an approved State program, shall have the power and authority, if not granted it otherwise, to engage in any work and to do all things necessary or expedient, including promulgation of rules and regulations, to implement and administer the provisions of this subchapter.

**(b) Engage in cooperative projects**

The Secretary or the State pursuant to an approved State program, shall have the power and authority to engage in cooperative projects under this subchapter with any other agency of the United States of America, any State and their governmental agencies.

**(c) Request for action to restrain interference with regard to this subchapter**

The Secretary or the State pursuant to an approved State program, may request the Attorney General, who is hereby authorized to initiate, in addition to any other remedies provided for in this subchapter, in any court of competent jurisdiction, an action in equity for an injunction to restrain any interference with the exercise of the right to enter or to conduct any work provided in this subchapter.

**(d) Construct and operate plants for control and treatment of water pollution resulting from mine drainage**

The Secretary or the State pursuant to an approved State program, shall have the power and authority to construct and operate a plant or plants for the control and treatment of water pollution resulting from mine drainage. The extent of this control and treatment may be dependent upon the ultimate use of the water: *Provided*, That the above provisions of this paragraph shall not be deemed in any way to repeal or supersede any portion of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.A. 1151, et seq. as amended) [33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.] and no control or treatment under this subsection shall in any way be less than that required under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. The construction of a plant or plants may include major interceptors and other facilities appurtenant to the plant.

**(e) Transfer funds**

The Secretary may transfer funds to other appropriate Federal agencies, in order to carry out

the reclamation activities authorized by this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 95-87, title IV, § 413, formerly § 412, Aug. 3, 1977, 91 Stat. 466, renumbered § 413, Pub. L. 101-508, title VI, § 6010(1), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-296.)

**Editorial Notes****REFERENCES IN TEXT**

The Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.A. 1151, et seq. as amended), referred to in subsec. (d), is act June 30, 1948, ch. 758, 62 Stat. 1155, formerly classified to chapter 23 (§1151 et seq.) of Title 33, Navigation and Navigable Waters, which was completely revised by Pub. L. 92-500, §2, Oct. 18, 1972, 86 Stat. 816, and is classified generally to chapter 26 (§1251 et seq.) of Title 33. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1251 of Title 33 and Tables.

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 413 of Pub. L. 95-87 was renumbered section 414 and is classified to section 1243 of this title.

**§ 1243. Interagency cooperation**

All departments, boards, commissioners, and agencies of the United States of America shall cooperate with the Secretary by providing technical expertise, personnel, equipment, materials, and supplies to implement and administer the provisions of this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 95-87, title IV, § 414, formerly § 413, Aug. 3, 1977, 91 Stat. 467, renumbered § 414, Pub. L. 101-508, title VI, § 6010(1), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-296.)

**§ 1244. Remining incentives****(a) In general**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the Secretary may, after opportunity for public comment, promulgate regulations that describe conditions under which amounts in the fund may be used to provide incentives to promote remining of eligible land under section 1234 of this title in a manner that leverages the use of amounts from the fund to achieve more reclamation with respect to the eligible land than would be achieved without the incentives.

**(b) Requirements**

Any regulations promulgated under subsection (a) shall specify that the incentives shall apply only if the Secretary determines, with the concurrence of the State regulatory authority referred to in subchapter V, that, without the incentives, the eligible land would not be likely to be remined and reclaimed.

**(c) Incentives****(1) In general**

Incentives that may be considered for inclusion in the regulations promulgated under subsection (a) include, but are not limited to—

(A) a rebate or waiver of the reclamation fees required under section 1232(a) of this title; and

(B) the use of amounts in the fund to provide financial assurance for remining operations in lieu of all or a portion of the performance bonds required under section 1259 of this title.