

Bill No.: SF0040 **Effective:** 3/15/2016
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Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0062
Chapter No.: 116
Prime Sponsor: Joint Appropriations Interim Committee
Catch Title: Abandoned mine land funds.
Subject: Appropriations for Projects with Abandoned Mine Land Funds

Summary/Major Elements:

- Authorizes the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to submit applications to the Federal Office of Surface Mining for Wyoming's share of the Abandoned Mine Land (AML) grant funds. Funds in the State Abandoned Mine Land Reserve Account are appropriated to the DEQ for the following projects:
 - **\$76,400,000** to DEQ for reclamation projects;
 - **\$162,300,000** to the Highway Fund (with priority given to projects addressing the impacts of mineral development);
 - **\$1,300,000** to DEQ Air Quality Division; and
 - **\$1,800,000** to DEQ Solid Waste Division.
- Authorizes DEQ to submit new grant applications or modify existing grant applications to the Federal Office of Surface Mining to reappropriate previously authorized funds for DEQ projects of **\$3,867,359** and **\$1,500,000** to the Department of Administration and Information for the Mike Enzi STEM Building at the University of Wyoming.
- Directs DEQ to submit applications for authority to redirect up to **\$1,729,849** of previously appropriated and reverted funds to the highway fund for highway projects, with priority given to projects addressing the impacts of mineral development.
- Extends prior appropriations of AML funds for DEQ Solid Waste Orphaned Site Program and Office of the Governor to develop and implement a permitting process to further a carbon dioxide pipeline network across federal lands in Wyoming.
- Reverts unexpended and unobligated funds appropriated in the 2013 AML Bill (2013 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 156) on March 15, 2016, totaling **\$10,000,000**.
- Requires DEQ to assist the City of Rock Springs, Sweetwater County or other appropriate governmental entity in preparing an application to the Office of Surface Mining for the use of reclamation funds for the Bitter Creek Restoration Project and for the Governor's for funding of the Bitter Creek restoration project as a public facility as provided by W.S. 35-11-1202(c). DEQ is also required to submit to the federal office of surface mining in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 from any unexpended, unobligated funds reverted from AML appropriations to DEQ for solid waste projects and the University of Wyoming for the Enzi STEM building.

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