

research sector, these environmental pollution problems can be solved and corrected in the shortest period of time. We would hope, too, that these funds would be made available with a minimum of Federal agency restrictions and approvals with regard to the type of research to be carried out.

In your report to your parent committee, entitled *Environmental Pollution—A Challenge to Science and Technology*, 89th Congress, Second Session, Serial S, there is a statement on page 29 to which we must take strong exception. The statement that grieves us is the one that reads: "Mine drainage, whatever its effect on environmental quality, should not have funds spent on action programs until more palatable and sensible solutions can be devised."

You will recall that I indicated that our technicians in Pennsylvania are convinced that many of the techniques and methods necessary to abate drainage are already well-studied and understood, and that a combination of these techniques and methods can effectively solve the problems.

We grant that some of these techniques and methods, when applied, are quite expensive and that more research is needed to lower their costs or to develop cheaper alternative methods and techniques.

We do not, however, believe that we should delay action programs while waiting for such research to be carried out, or until "more palatable and sensible solutions" can be devised.

Even though the tools we have available at the present time may be expensive, we simply cannot afford to procrastinate any longer.

Our citizens are demanding immediate action and we are well aware of the fact that the Commonwealth's economic future is, in a large measure, dependent on completing the job as soon as possible.

As an example of exactly what I mean, let me tell you a little bit about what we are doing at our Moraine State Park in Butler County, Pennsylvania. This work is described in *Model Coal Mined Land Rehabilitation, Moraine State Park, Butler County, Pennsylvania*. (Available in committee files.)

Located in the Moraine State Park is the first strip mine reclamation project to be approved and carried out anywhere in the Appalachian Region under the Mining Area Restoration Section 205, of the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965, P.L. 89-16. The reclamation work at this park was approved in August of 1965 by the Appalachian Regional Commission, and actual work was begun on June 12, 1967. The entire project will cost about \$219,000 for back-filling and revegetating 177.5 acres.

This particular park, which is currently under construction, is in an area badly disturbed by mining. The total acreage of the park is 15,999 acres and we expect to make it a "showcase" and demonstration area for coal mined land rehabilitation in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and in the Nation.

The cooperative efforts of the Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters and the Department of Mines and Mineral Industries are being channeled into a number of projects in the area which will eliminate and control the harmful effects of past coal mining operations. These projects will restore the aesthetic appearance of the areas within the park disturbed by mining and insure that the 3,225-acre