

for the administration and enforcement of a State plan approved under this Act: *Provided*, That the Secretary may, upon request of the Governor or other appropriate executive or legislative authority of the State, waive the single State agency provision hereof and approve another State administrative structure or arrangement if the Secretary determines that the objectives of this Act will be enhanced by the use of such other State structure or arrangement.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

SEC. 6. (a) The Secretary may appoint advisory committees which shall include, among others, State representatives, persons qualified by experience or affiliation to present the viewpoint of operators of surface mines, and persons qualified by experience or affiliation to present the viewpoint of conservation and other interested groups, to advise him in carrying out the provisions of this Act. The Secretary shall designate the chairman of each committee.

(b) Advisory committee members, other than employees of Federal, State, or local governments, while performing committee business, shall be entitled to receive compensation at rates fixed by the Secretary, but not exceeding \$100 per day, including traveltime. While so serving away from their homes or regular places of business, members may be paid travel expenses and per diem in lieu of subsistence at rates authorized by section 5703 of title 5, United States Code, for persons intermittently employed.

STATE PLAN

SEC. 7. (a) A State may, after public hearings, submit to the Secretary at any time a State plan or a proposal for a revision in a plan previously approved by the Secretary for the regulation of surface mines and the reclamation of surface mined areas located within the State. The Secretary shall, after giving appropriate Federal agencies a reasonable opportunity to review and comment thereon, approve a State plan or revision thereof if—

(1) He determines that, in his judgment, the plan includes laws and regulations which—

(A) promote an appropriate relationship between the extent of regulation and reclamation that is required and the need to preserve and protect the environment;

(B) provide that an adequate mining plan be filed with, and approved by, the State agency and a permit be obtained to insure, before surface mining operations are commenced or continued, that they will be conducted in a manner consistent with said mining plan;

(C) contain, in connection with surface mines and surface mined areas, criteria relating specifically to (i) the control of erosion, flooding, and pollution of water, (ii) the isolation of toxic materials, (iii) the prevention of air pollution by dust or burning refuse piles or otherwise, (iv) the reclamation of surface mined areas by revegetation, replacement of soil, or other means, (v) the maintenance of access through mined areas, (vi) the prevention of land or rockslides, (vii) the protection of fish and wildlife and their habitat, and (viii) the prevention of hazards to public health and safety;

(D) promote the reclamation of surface mined areas by requiring that reclamation work be planned in advance and completed within reasonably prescribed time limits;

(E) provide for evaluation of environmental changes in surface mined areas and in areas in which surface mines are operating in order to accumulate data for assessing the effectiveness of the requirements established;

(F) provide adequate measures for enforcement, including criminal and civil penalties for failure to comply with applicable State laws and regulations; periodic inspections of surface mines and reclamation work; periodic reports by mining operators on the methods and results of reclamation work; the posting of performance bonds adequate to insure the land is reclaimed; and the revocation of permits for failure to comply with the terms of the permits or of the provisions of the regulations or laws under which permits are issued; and

(2) The Secretary determines that, in his judgment, the plan includes—

(A) adequate provision for State funds and personnel to assure the effective administration and enforcement of the plan and, if needed, the establishment of training programs for operators, supervisors, and