

points in the same States, if passing through any point outside the boundaries thereof;

(k) The term "State" means a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or a territory or possession of the United States;

(l) The term "area of land affected" means the area of land from which the overburden is removed, except that in stripping pits not more than one hundred feet in depth the area shall include the area occupied by the spoil banks; it also includes all lands affected by roads constructed to gain access and to haul minerals; and

(m) The term "operation" means all of the premises, facilities, roads, and equipment used in the process of producing minerals from a designated surface or strip mine area.

SEC. 4. Each surface or strip mine the products of which enter commerce, or the operations of which affect commerce, shall be subject to this Act.

SEC. 5. This Act shall be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior as hereinafter provided. The Secretaries shall cooperate to the fullest extent practicable with each other and with other departments, agencies, and independent establishments of the Federal Government, with State and local governments and agencies, with interstate agencies, and with individuals or organizations. The Secretaries may request from any other Federal department or agency any information, data, advice, or assistance which they may need and which can reasonably be furnished, and such department or agency is authorized to expend its own funds with or without reimbursement. The Secretaries may also request the advice of State and local agencies and persons qualified by experience or affiliation to present the viewpoint of persons or operators of surface or strip mines, and of persons similarly qualified to present the viewpoint of groups interested in soil, water, wildlife, plant, recreation, and other resources.

SEC. 6. (a) The President shall establish a national advisory committee to advise the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior in the development or revision of standards and reclamation requirements as required by section 101 of title I of this Act, and in such other matters as the Secretaries may request. The National Advisory Committee shall include among its members an equal number of persons qualified by experience or affiliation to represent the viewpoint of persons or operators of surface and strip mines, and of persons similarly qualified to represent the viewpoint of other interested groups, Federal, State, and local agencies. The President shall designate the Chairman of the Committee.

(b) The Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior, if they deem it desirable, may establish regional advisory committees to assist them and the National Advisory Committee. Each such regional committee shall consist of an equal number of persons qualified by experience or affiliation to represent the viewpoint of surface and strip mine operators and other interested groups, Federal, State, and local agencies.

(c) (1) Members appointed to such National Advisory Committee or regional advisory committees from private life shall each receive compensation at the rate of \$100 per day for each day they are engaged in the performance of their duties as members of any such committee. All other members of any such committee shall serve without compensation.

(2) All members of any such committee shall be entitled to reimbursement for travel, subsistence, and other necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of any such committee.

TITLE I—STANDARDS, RECLAMATION REQUIREMENTS, AND CRITERIA FOR THE PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF STRIP AND SURFACE MINED AREAS

SEC. 101. (a) The Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior shall develop, or revise, after consultation with the National Advisory Committee appointed pursuant to section 6(a) of this Act, (1) Federal standards and reclamation requirements for the reclamation, conservation, protection, and management of previously surface and strip mined areas of private, State, and federally owned or controlled lands and waters, (2) Federal standards, and mining and reclamation requirements for the administration and regulation of all future surface and strip mining operations in the United States, and (3) criteria and