

SEC. 204. The programs authorized to be assisted pursuant to this title shall be completed not later than January 1, 1988.

TITLE III—GRANTS TO STATES AND LOCAL AGENCIES AND OTHERS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO PROGRAMS OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY ASSISTANCE

SEC. 301. It is the purpose of this title to facilitate the reclamation and conservation of lands and waters adversely affected by surface and strip mining operations by authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to make grants to the States, local governments, and others to be utilized in programs of research and development and in rendering technical advisory assistance.

SEC. 302. (a) The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to make grants to States or local agencies and other public or nonprofit agencies and institutions (including State or private universities), for investigations, experiments, demonstrations, studies, and research projects with respect to the development of improved reclamation and conservation practices for the utilization and development of surface and strip mined lands, and for the development, preparation, and maintenance of a State program commensurate with the criteria and standards adopted pursuant to title I of this Act for the conservation, utilization, and development of surface and strip mined lands, and for rendering technical assistance to States and mining operators on these subjects.

(b) The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to make grants to States or local agencies and other public or nonprofit agencies and institutions (including State or private universities), for investigations, experiments, demonstrations, studies, and research projects with respect to the development of improved mining techniques, for preparing and maintaining a continuing inventory of surface and strip mined areas and active mining operations on these subjects.

SEC. 303. (a) Any State or local agency or institution, desiring financial assistance under this title shall submit a proposal to the appropriate Secretary in such form and manner as he shall prescribe, and payments may be made only for those projects or programs approved by him.

(b) The appropriate Secretary may make payments from time to time in keeping with the rate of progress toward satisfactory completion of individual projects or the implementation of approved programs.

(c) No project or program to be assisted under the provisions of this title may be approved unless the State in which the project or program is to be undertaken has adopted State laws which meet the standards for the mining, reclamation, conservation, protection, and management of surface and strip mined lands established by the Secretaries pursuant to sections 101 and 102 of this Act, except in those instances where the appropriate Secretary determines that no surface or strip mining occurs within the State which produces a significant detrimental effect upon the local environment.

SEC. 304. Sums appropriated or otherwise available for State projects and programs under this title shall be apportioned among the eligible States by the appropriate Secretary, whose determination shall be final. In determining the apportionment among such States the appropriate Secretary shall consider, among other things, the financial and administrative resources available to the State to undertake projects of the type authorized by this title, and the nature and extent of problems and adverse conditions brought about by surface and strip mining operations in the individual States most in need of solution within the individual States.

SEC. 305. The programs authorized to be assisted by this title shall be completed not later than January 1, 1988.

TITLE IV—RECLAMATION AND CONSERVATION OF PREVIOUSLY MINED LANDS OWNED BY PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS

SEC. 401. It is the purpose of this title to facilitate the reclamation and conservation of privately owned lands and water adversely affected by surface and strip mining operations and not reclaimed prior to the enactment of this Act to a level commensurate with the criteria and standards established pursuant to the provisions of title I of this Act, by authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to provide assistance to States, their political subdivisions, private organizations, and others for the reclamation and rehabilitation of such areas.