

nongovernmental. He is authorized to request from any other Federal agency any information, data, advice, or assistance which he may need and which can reasonably be furnished, and such agency is authorized to expend its own funds for such purposes with or without reimbursement.

Sec. 4. Each coal mine, as defined by this Act, the products of which enter commerce, or the operations of which affect commerce, shall be subject to this Act.

Sec. 5. (a) The Secretary shall establish a national advisory committee to advise him in the development or revision of standards and reclamation requirements as required by section 101 of this Act, and in such other matters as he may request. The national advisory committee shall include among its members a number of persons qualified by experience or affiliation to present the viewpoint of persons or operators of surface and strip coal mines, and of persons similarly qualified to present the viewpoint of other interested groups, Federal, State, and local agencies. The Secretary shall designate the chairman of the committee.

(b) The Secretary, if he deems it desirable, may establish regional advisory committees to assist him and the national advisory committee. Each such regional committee shall consist of members qualified by experience or affiliation to present the viewpoint of surface and strip coal mine operators and other interested groups, Federal, State, and local agencies.

(c) Members appointed from private life to either the national advisory committee or any regional committee shall, while serving the business of the committee, be entitled to receive compensation at rates fixed by the Secretary, but not exceeding \$100 per day, including traveltime, and while so serving away from their homes or regular places of business they may be paid travel expenses and per diem in lieu of subsistence at rates authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5703.

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

Sec. 101. (a) The Secretary shall develop, or revise, after consultation with the advisory committee appointed pursuant to section 5(a) of this Act, (1) Federal standards and reclamation requirements for the reclamation, conservation, protection, and management of previously coal mined areas of private, State, and federally or public-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 coal mining operations in the Nation, and (3) criteria and priorities for the selection of projects and programs for affected areas of land and water in need of reclamation in those States which are eligible for assistance under the provisions of title II, III, IV, and V.

(b) In establishing Federal standards, and mining and reclamation requirements for the administration and regulation of future strip and surface coal mining operations in the Nation, the Secretary shall consider requirements which will reasonably assure the attainment of the following objectives:

(1) The standards shall apply to the surface or strip mining of coal if its recovery produces a significant detrimental effect upon the local environment.

(2) No person shall be permitted to commence operations to mine coal by strip or surface methods without first securing a permit or license from the Secretary.

(3) Adequate law enforcement procedures shall be provided.

(4) The posting of an appropriate performance bond shall be required, forfeiture of which may automatically involve denial of future mining permits or licenses.

(5) Surface and strip mining operations and reclamation procedures shall be required to be preplanned, and approved by the Secretary prior to issuance of a permit or license.

(6) The penalties provided herein shall apply for mining coal by strip or surface methods without a license or permit, and for willful refusal or failure to comply with the law, approved regulations, or the orders of a duly authorized authority.

(7) If warranted, the Secretary may prohibit the mining of coal in areas where reclamation is considered unfeasible because of physical considerations, such as ground-surface slope, but not limited thereto.