

A few other States have some control over surface mining through water-pollution-control statutes. State funds have been made available to universities and foundations for research and demonstration activities.

Some local governments have used zoning regulations to control mining and require restoration of the land.

Beyond assistance to private-land owners, the Federal Government also has made some headway in restoring surface-mined areas on public land and is engaged in research work.

Research

USDA is the recognized leader in basic research on surface-mined-land conservation. Most research now underway in government and industry is in six categories:

(1) *Revegetation*—developing plant species that will provide quick cover or permanent growth and comparing various combinations of seedings.