

- 184,000 acres of Pennsylvania is impacted by abandoned mine lands
- As of March 2002, Pennsylvania had 5,172 documented abandoned mine sites including mine openings, dangerous cliffs and highwalls as well as flooded mine pits
- On average 26 Americans die annually as a result of these features; more than in underground mining accidents
- 44 of 67 Pennsylvania's counties are impacted
- 31 of the 44 impacted counties have signed resolutions urging the reauthorization of the Abandoned Mine Lands Fund (AMLF)
- The Pennsylvania Legislature passed a support resolution as well (the House voted unanimously in support of the measure)
- Reclamation costs for abandoned mine lands is \$1.5B (Priority I & II)
- More than 4,800 biologically dead Pennsylvania stream miles resulting from abandoned mine drainage
- 1.4 Million Pennsylvanian's live within 1 mile of an abandoned mine land feature
- Pennsylvania has the most abandoned mine sites in the nation
- The 5th Congressional District the most abandoned mine lands of any Congressional District in the nation
- The health and economic vitality of coalfield communities are diminished by these unreclaimed lands