



Restoration of Abandoned Mine Sites (RAMS)

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DESCRIPTION AND MISSION: The Restoration of Abandoned Mine Sites Program (RAMS) is a nationwide Environmental Restoration program that provides technical, planning, and design assistance to Federal, non-Federal, and Native American interests for carrying out projects to address water quality problems caused by drainage and related activities from abandoned and inactive non-coal mines.

The RAMS Program utilizes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers environmental authorities to provide assistance in executing projects with intent mitigate risks to water resources. In addition, research and development projects are included as a component of the program and are designed to provide applied engineering and scientific support to allow the efficient and cost-effective performance of projects intended to manage drainage from abandoned and inactive non-coal mines; restore and protect water resources. The program also includes the development and population of a database of remediation technologies as specified in Section 560 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 1999.

The non-Federal share of the cost of assistance is 50%, except that the Federal share with respect to projects located on land owned by the United States is 100%. Technology Database Assistance to develop, manage, and maintain a database for reclamation of abandoned and inactive coal mine sites is 100% Federal share.

AUTHORIZATION: WRDA 1999, Sec 560; Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001; Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act 2004, Sec 118; WRDA 2007, Sec. 2025; WRDA 2020 Sec. 302.

THE PROCESS: A Non-Federal sponsor that has the legal and financial capability to enter into an agreement will provide the Corps of Engineers a request for assistance under the program. The non-Federal sponsor must have the legal and financial capability to fulfill the project partnership requirements below:

- Contribute 50% of the project costs except for projects located on land owned by the United States, which will be completed as 100% federal share.
- Technology Database assistance to develop, manage, and maintain a database for reclamation of abandoned and inactive coal mine sites will be completed as 100% federal share.
- Assume 100% of the operation and maintenance costs for the project when completed.

HOW TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE: If you have a need for technical, planning, and design assistance projects to address water quality problems caused by drainage and related activities from abandoned and inactive non-coal mines that may fit within the program authority, please contact the Albuquerque District at the phone number below. Our RAMS Program Manager will be happy to meet with you to determine whether or not the proposed project fits within the RAMS program authority. Upon receipt of a letter of request from a non-Federal sponsor the Corps of Engineers can initiate the project.

For more information please contact:

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