

ENROLLED ACT NO. 105, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2009 GENERAL SESSION

[AML FUNDING]

Section 339.

(a) No application to the federal office of surface mining for grants from the state of Wyoming's share of abandoned mine land funds from the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act Amendments of 2006, Section 411(h)(i), pursuant to 2007 H.R. 6111, shall be made except as expressly authorized by the legislature. Notwithstanding W.S. 35-11-1210, grant funds received for the projects authorized in this section may, but are not required to be, deposited into the state abandoned mine land funds reserve account pursuant to W.S. 35-11-1210. All funds received from the authorized grants are appropriated to the department of environmental quality in the amounts specified in this section to be expended for the purposes set forth in this section.

(b) The legislature authorizes the department of environmental quality to submit grant applications to the federal office of surface mining for distribution of a portion of funds specified in subsection (a) of this section for the period ending June 30, 2010 for the following projects:

i) Twenty-nine million nine hundred ten thousand one hundred thirty-one dollars (\$29,910,131.00) for abandoned coal mine reclamation;
(ii) Eighty-nine thousand eight hundred sixty-nine dollars (\$89,869.00) for the operation of the mine subsidence insurance program;
(iii) Two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) for the solid waste orphaned site fund;

(iv) One million thirty-three thousand six hundred thirteen dollars (\$1,033,613.00) to the department of environmental quality air quality division for expenditure on one-time projects;

(v) Four million one hundred forty-eight thousand seven hundred twenty-four dollars (\$4,148,724.00) to the department of environmental quality air quality division for addressing environmental impacts of energy development;

(vi) Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) to the department of environmental quality land quality division for expenditure on one-time projects;

(vii) One hundred thirty-five thousand dollars (\$135,000.00) to the department of environmental quality solid waste division for recycling studies and one-time projects;

(viii) Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00) to the department of administration and information for the joint labs capital construction project;

(ix) Seven hundred thirty-four thousand six hundred sixteen

dollars (\$734,616.00) to the Wyoming state geological survey for identification of potential CO2 storage sites and EPA sequestration regulations.

(c) The legislature authorizes the department of environmental quality to submit grant applications to the federal office of surface mining for distribution of a portion of funds specified in subsection (a) of this section to the University of Wyoming for the period ending June 30, 2010 for the following projects:

(i) Thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000.00) to the school of energy resources for the joint UW/GE clean coal partnership project;

(ii) Ten million six hundred thirteen thousand forty-seven dollars (\$10,613,047.00) to the school of energy resources for clean coal technology research as recommended by the clean coal research task force;

(iii) One million six hundred thousand dollars (\$1,600,000.00) to the school of energy resources for the uranium research center. The school of energy resources under the direction of the University of Wyoming energy resources council and in consultation with the Wyoming mining industry may develop:

(A) A research program for uranium under the school of energy resources at the University of Wyoming. This program shall focus on optimizing the economic recovery of the resource through groundwater restoration, research on waste water management and the development of a seminar to educate the public and the industry about uranium and uranium extraction;

(B) A program at the school focusing on technology transfer which would help industry with access to and application of existing in situ recovery processes. The program shall be designed to promote research and technology transfer efforts;

(C) A database which would include information concerning uranium exploration, development and production;

(D) A research program which would focus on future production of uranium resources in Wyoming; and

(E) Other programs as identified by the energy resources council.

(iv) Eight million dollars (\$8,000,000.00) to the school of energy resources for CO2 sequestration research and demonstration;

(v) Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) to the college of agriculture for the reclamation ecology project;

(vi) One million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000.00) to the college of agriculture to provide initial funding for a proposed twenty million dollar (\$20,000,000.00) endowment to fund the reclamation ecology project. These funds shall be deposited into a separate endowment account from which only the income from account funds shall be expended.

(d) The department of environmental quality, in consultation with the University of Wyoming and with the approval of the governor, may substitute other University of Wyoming purposes in its grant applications under

subsection (c) of this section but only as necessary to replace university block grant funds expended as necessary to satisfy requirements prohibiting the use of abandoned mine land funds to match federal funds or where the use of federal abandoned mine land funds would be impractical for projects pursuant to paragraphs (c)(ii), (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) of this section.

(e) Except for funds subject to subsection (c) of this section, funds appropriated under this section shall be for the period beginning with the effective date of this section and ending June 30, 2010. Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207(a), any unexpended, unobligated funds subject to:

(i) Paragraph (c)(i) for the clean coal partnership project shall not revert until June 30, 2012;

(ii) Paragraph (c)(ii) for clean coal technology research shall not revert until June 30, 2012;

(iii) Paragraph (c)(iii) for the school of energy resources uranium research center shall not revert until June 30, 2011;

(iv) Paragraph (c)(iv) for CO2 sequestration research and demonstration shall not revert until June 30, 2012;

(v) Paragraph (c)(v) for the reclamation ecology project shall not revert until June 30, 2012;

(vi) Paragraph (c)(vi) for initial funding of the endowment shall not revert until further action of the legislature.