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What We Do

The Commission exercises several powers on behalf of the states, all of which are of a study, recommendatory or consultative nature. The Commission does not possess regulatory powers, as some Compacts do. The Commission provides a forum for interstate action and communication on issues of concern to the member states. It is the potential to stimulate the development and production of each state's mineral wealth through effective regulatory programs that draws many of the states together in the prosecution of the Commission's work. Given the environmental sensitivities associated with this objective, a significant portion of the Commission's work is dedicated to the environmental protection issues naturally associated with this mineral development. It is the significant value and clout that comes from "compacting" together and speaking with a strong, united voice that can make a difference in each state's efforts to implement effective regulatory programs that will conserve natural resources and secure a vibrant state (and thus national) mineral economy.

Initiatives

- Liaison with Federal government and Congress
- Monitoring of regulatory and legislative developments
- Development and communication of State positions and recommendations on Federal rulemakings and national legislation
- Information gathering and dissemination
- Coalition building with related State organizations
- Interaction with environmental and industry groups
- Public mining and minerals education outreaches

Issues pursued by IMCC

- Mine waste regulation under the Resources Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)
- Regulatory implementation issues arising under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA) such as: primacy, federal oversight, enforcement, the Applicant/Violator System, bonding, citizen participation, acid mine drainage, single source coal reporting, national technology transfer, and environmental protection standards
- Reform of the 1872 Mining Law
- Groundwater and stormwater regulations
- Inactive and abandoned mine reclamation
- Underground Mine Mapping
- Mine Placement of Coal Combustion Wastes
- Mine Safety and Health Issues
- Zoning and other land use restrictions

Committees

- Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) and Reauthorization of the AML Program under SMCRA
- Awards
- Education Work Group
- Finance & Administrative
- Environmental Affairs, Coal Section

- Environmental Affairs, Noncoal Section
- Mine Safety and Health
- Resolutions

Photos of Active Mining and Reclamation of one site:

*Russ & Sons, Inc.
Russ and Sons
No.1 Mine,
Sebastian
County,
Greenwood,
Arkansas
(Active
Mining).
April 18, 1990*



*Russ & Sons, Inc.
Russ and Sons
No.1 Mine,
Sebastian
County,
Greenwood,
Arkansas
(Reclamation).
June 15, 1993*

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