

H.R. 315, Community Reclamation Partnerships Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on May 1, 2019

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2019	2019-2024	2019-2029
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Deficit Effect	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	1	n.e.
Pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	Mandate Effects	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2030?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
n.e. = not estimated.			

H.R. 315 would authorize states with abandoned mine reclamation plans to enter into agreements with the federal government aimed at reducing water pollution caused by abandoned mines. The bill also would allow states to assume liability on behalf of individuals or groups that seek to participate in abandoned mine cleanup projects. Under the bill, states and other parties conducting certain water treatments under those agreements would not be required to meet water quality standards under the Clean Water Act.

Based on the costs of similar tasks, CBO expects that the Department of the Interior would need two additional employees, at an average annual cost of \$140,000 each, to manage the agreements and approve projects under those agreements. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost about \$1 million over the 2020-2024 period; any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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