

STATE MINE INSPECTOR

A.R.S. § 27-121

The Honorable Douglas K. Martin, State Mine Inspector

JLBC Analyst: Jake Corey

	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001
General Fund	Actual	Estimate	Approved	Approved
<u>Program Summary</u>				
Mining Safety Enforcement	854,500	805,300	838,300	828,400
Abandoned Mines Inventory	88,000	138,800	171,700	174,500
Mined Land Reclamation	102,200	102,800	98,300	99,900
Total Appropriations	1,044,700	1,046,900	1,108,300	1,102,800
<u>Expenditure Detail</u>				
FTE Positions	19.0	19.0	19.0 ^{1/}	19.0 ^{1/}
Personal Services	534,100	563,500	581,600	592,200
Employee Related Expenditures	106,700	110,400	120,800	126,700
Professional and Outside Services	20,500	2,000	12,000	2,000
Travel - In State	78,900	98,800	98,800	98,800
Travel - Out of State	1,100	3,600	3,600	3,600
Other Operating Expenditures	123,700	127,900	143,100	143,100
Equipment	77,500	37,900	20,100	6,500
Operating Subtotal	942,500	944,100	980,000	972,900
Mined Land Reclamation	102,200	102,800	98,300	50,700
Abandoned Mines Safety Fund Match	0	0	30,000	30,000
Total	1,044,700	1,046,900	1,108,300	1,053,600
Additional Appropriations -				
General Appropriation, Ch. 330	0	0	0	49,200
Total Appropriations	1,044,700	1,046,900	1,108,300 ^{2/}	1,102,800 ^{2/}

Agency Description — *The State Mine Inspector is an elected constitutional officer. The Mine Inspector inspects the health conditions and safety of mining operations, investigates mining accidents, identifies abandoned mines, and conducts safety certification classes for mine employees.*

Replacement Equipment — The approved FY 2000 amount includes one-time funding of \$20,100 to replace various mining safety inspectors' equipment and 6 personal computers. The approved FY 2001 amount includes one-time funding of \$6,500 to replace additional inspection equipment and 1 personal computer.

Computer Maintenance — The approved FY 2000 amount includes one-time funding of \$10,000 to contract out for computer network support to handle any responsibilities associated with the Year 2000 problem.

Mined Land Reclamation — Certain mining and exploration companies are required to submit reclamation plans to the State Mine Inspector for the surface disturbed by their operations. The office then reviews these plans for approval. Because Laws 1996, Chapter 323 eliminates

the Mined Land Reclamation program on December 31, 2000, the approved amount in the General Appropriation Act reflects a reduction of (1) FTE Position and \$(49,200) in FY 2001. However, Laws 1999, Chapter 88, extends the program indefinitely. Also, Laws 1999, Chapter 330, adds back the 1 FTE Position and \$49,200. (*See Additional Appropriations.*)

Abandoned Mines Safety Fund Match — The approved FY 2000 amount includes an increase of \$30,000 and the creation of the Abandoned Mines Safety Fund Match Special Line Item. The Abandoned Mines Safety Fund, which was created by Laws 1998, Chapter 81, is to be used for, "actual abatement costs to fill, fence or plug shafts and adits (mine entrances)." The fund is comprised of gifts, grants and contributions and any matching monies that the

^{1/} Includes 2 FTE Positions funded from Special Line Items in FY 2000 and FY 2001.

^{2/} General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as an Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Agency.

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Legislature may appropriate. The Mine Inspector expects to receive \$50,000 in contributions in both FY 2000 and FY 2001. The additional \$30,000 represents the legislative General Fund match to the fund. This amount is continued in FY 2001.

Additional Appropriations: General Appropriation (Chapter 330) — This act adds 1 FTE Position and \$49,200 to the Mined Land Reclamation program in FY 2001. (*See the Mined Land Reclamation discussion above.*)