

House Natural Resources Committee: Comprehensive Mining Legislation

In response to the EPA's failed treatment of the Aminos River spill in 2015, my colleagues and I introduced a series of three bills to help prevent future disasters.

H.R. 3843 - Locatable Minerals Claim Location and Maintenance Fees Act

I was pleased to introduce this legislation to incentivize private sector cleanup of abandoned mine lands. My bill also provides "Good Samaritan" permits for industries and non-profit organizations.

H.R. 3844 – Energy and Minerals Reclamation Foundation Establishment Act

This bill establishes a foundation that can raise funds from individuals and organizations concerned about the environmental risks of cleaning mine lands.

H.R. 3734 – Mining Schools Enhancement Act

The final bill in the package invests in the next generation of mining engineers. Through research grants and added funding for accredited mining schools, this bill will provide technical expertise that agencies and private industries need to be environmentally responsible.

For in-depth description of the 2015 mining legislation, [read my op-ed in the Denver Post](#).