

LEGACY POLLUTION

Millions of Americans across the country live within just one mile of an orphaned oil and gas well or an abandoned coal mine. These legacy pollution sites are environmental hazards that jeopardize public health and safety by contaminating groundwater, emitting noxious gases like methane, littering the landscape with rusted and dangerous equipment, creating flooding and sinkhole risks, and harming wildlife.

President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law delivers the largest investment in tackling legacy pollution in American history.

The law's \$16 billion historic investment will go directly to plugging orphaned wells and reclaiming abandoned mine lands. These resources will help communities eliminate dangerous conditions and pollution caused by past extraction activities. Projects to cap orphaned oil and gas wells, close dangerous mine shafts, improve water drainage, and restore water supplies damaged by mining will create good-paying jobs to strengthen local economies.



The Department of the Interior is committed to helping working families, often in rural and Tribal communities, address the environmental impacts from these legacy developments. The resources made available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will finally help

communities after years of struggling with hazardous pollution, toxic water levels and land subsidence both during and long after energy companies have moved on.



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\$11.3 BILLION

to be deposited into the Abandoned Mine Land Fund

\$10.87 BILLION

to provide grants to states and Tribes for abandoned coal mine land reclamation over the next 15 years

\$25 MILLION

to help states update their abandoned mine land inventories

\$4.7 BILLION

for orphaned well site plugging, remediation and restoration activities, and resources for states to create jobs and build the foundation for a clean energy economy

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to plug orphan wells on state and private lands

\$250 MILLION

to cap orphan wells on public lands, including in national parks, national forests, and wildlife refuges

\$150 MILLION

to cap orphan wells on Tribal lands

“ The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is a historic down payment on ensuring that future generations have clean air, drinkable water, fertile soil, and an overall quality of life that is currently threatened by the worsening climate crisis.”

— Secretary Deb Haaland