

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY STEWART, LIVENGOOD AND D. R. WRIGHT, JUNE 12, 1984

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON MINES AND ENERGY MANAGEMENT,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 18, 1984

AN ACT

1 Authorizing and directing ~~the Department of General Services,~~ <—
2 ~~with the approval of~~ the Department of Environmental
3 Resources and the Governor to convey title OWNERSHIP to the <—
4 Carl A. White Acid Mine Drainage Treatment Plant, ~~situate~~ <—
5 SITUATED in Washington Township, Indiana County, <—
6 Pennsylvania, to the County of Indiana, subject to a right of
7 reverter for stated conditions.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. ~~The Department of General Services, with the~~ <—
11 ~~approval of the~~ Department of Environmental Resources and the
12 Governor, ~~is~~ ARE hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the <—
13 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to convey ~~title to~~ OWNERSHIP IN THE <—
14 BUILDING NAMED the Carl A. White Acid Mine Drainage Treatment
15 Plant, ~~situate~~ SITUATED in Washington Township, Indiana County, <—
16 Pennsylvania, hereinafter referred to as the plant, to the
17 County of Indiana, Pennsylvania, for the following purposes: The
18 County of Indiana, or its designee, shall utilize all or part of
19 the plant, which is currently shut down, to treat brines
20 produced from oil and gas wells, with the treatment of brines

1 produced from oil and gas wells in the Commonwealth to be given
2 priority in all respects and, if and when directed by the
3 department, shall utilize a maximum of 50% of the plant to treat
4 abandoned mine acid discharge flowing in the Crooked Creek
5 Watershed. If and when the department shall deem treatment of
6 such abandoned mine acid discharge to be feasible, it shall
7 notify the County of Indiana, or its designee, of the quantity
8 of such discharges to be treated and the required quality of the
9 effluent: Provided, however, That such treatment shall not
10 require the utilization of more than 50% of the plant.

11 Section 2. If, for any reason whatsoever, the County of
12 Indiana, or its designee, shall discontinue the utilization of
13 the Carl A. White Acid Mine Drainage Treatment Plant for the
14 treatment of oil and gas well brines, or shall fail to treat any
15 abandoned mine acid discharges which the department has
16 determined to be necessary and feasible to treat, then, and in
17 that event, ~~title to~~ OWNERSHIP and possession of the plant shall <—
18 revert to the department, and the department shall have the
19 option of continuing the operation of the plant for the
20 treatment of abandoned mine acid discharge, or of dismantling
21 the plant. If, in the event of such reverter, the department
22 shall elect to continue the operation of the plant for the
23 treatment of abandoned mine acid discharge, it shall so notify
24 the County of Indiana, or its designee, and the plant shall be
25 returned to the department in the same condition that it was in
26 when transferred to the county. The county, or its designee,
27 shall bear any costs for returning the plant to said condition.

28 Section 3. The ~~deed of conveyance~~ AGREEMENT OF OWNERSHIP <—
29 shall be approved as provided by law and shall be executed by
30 the Secretary of ~~General Services~~ ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES in the <—

1 name of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

2 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.