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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 2286** Session of  
1984

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INTRODUCED BY STEWART, LIVENGOOD AND D. R. WRIGHT, JUNE 13, 1984

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON MINES AND ENERGY MANAGEMENT,  
JUNE 13, 1984

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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 to the Carl A.  
4 White Acid Mine Drainage Treatment Plant, situate in  
5 Washington Township, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, to the  
6 County of Indiana, subject to a right of reverter for stated  
7 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 hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the  
13 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to convey title to the Carl A.  
14 White Acid Mine Drainage Treatment Plant, situate in Washington  
15 Township, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, hereinafter referred to  
16 as the plant, to the County of Indiana, Pennsylvania, for the  
17 following purposes: The County of Indiana, or its designee,  
18 shall utilize all or part of the plant, which is currently shut  
19 down, to treat brines produced from oil and gas wells, with the  
20 treatment of brines produced from oil and gas wells in the

1 Commonwealth to be given priority in all respects and, if and  
2 when directed by the department, shall utilize a maximum of 50%  
3 of the plant to treat abandoned mine acid discharge flowing in  
4 the Crooked Creek Watershed. If and when the department shall  
5 deem treatment of such abandoned mine acid discharge to be  
6 feasible, it shall notify the County of Indiana, or its  
7 designee, of the quantity of such discharges to be treated and  
8 the required quality of the effluent: Provided, however, That  
9 such treatment shall not require the utilization of more than  
10 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 and possession of the plant shall revert to  
18 the department, and the department shall have the option of  
19 continuing the operation of the plant for the treatment of  
20 abandoned mine acid discharge, or of dismantling the plant. If,  
21 in the event of such reverter, the department shall elect to  
22 continue the operation of the plant for the treatment of  
23 abandoned mine acid discharge, it shall so notify the County of  
24 Indiana, or its designee, and the plant shall be returned to the  
25 department in the same condition that it was in when transferred  
26 to the county. The county, or its designee, shall bear any costs  
27 for returning the plant to said condition.

28 Section 3. The deed of conveyance shall be approved as  
29 provided by law and shall be executed by the Secretary of  
30 General Services in the name of the Commonwealth of

1 Pennsylvania.

2 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.