

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO: TITLE II—COAL

[Subtitle A—Coal Energy, Research, Development and Demonstration]

The original subtitle A duplicates provisions in Title IX – Research and Development, and has been completely removed. All subtitles and sections have been renumbered accordingly. Changes will be made to Title IX to ensure all provisions are covered.

Subtitle A—Clean Coal Power Initiative

SEC. 201. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

No substantive changes from the staff draft.

SEC. 202. PROJECT CRITERIA.

- Requires 80 percent of funds to be used for gasification project
- Removes language referring to separation and capture of carbon dioxide from (b) and inserts a new (e) for such projects.
- Eliminates provision on cost recovery of Federal share.

SEC. 203. REPORT TO CONGRESS.

- Adds report on a 10-year plan

SEC. 204. CLEAN COAL CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE.

No substantive changes from the staff draft.

Subtitle B—Federal Coal Leases

SEC. 211. COAL LEASE MODIFICATION.

- Authorizes the Secretary to add up to 320 acres to existing lease, providing that the Secretary finds that such a modification is in the best interest of the U.S., would not displace a competitive interest in the lands, and would not include lands that can be developed as part of another operation.

SEC. 212. MINING PLANS.

No substantive changes from the staff draft.

SEC. 213. PAYMENT OF ADVANCED ROYALTIES.

- Eliminates provision allowing payment of advanced royalties based on spot market price
- Maintains provision in current law allowing Secretary to withdraw advance royalties

with six months notice.

SEC. 214. ELIMINATION OF DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF COAL LEASE OPERATION AND RECLAMATION PLAN.

No substantive changes from the staff draft.

SEC. 215. FINANCIAL ASSURANCES WITH RESPECT TO BONUS BIDS.

Section stricken.

SEC. 216. INVENTORY REQUIREMENT.

Section stricken

SEC. 217 APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.

(RENUMBERED TO 215 AFTER ELIMINATING PREVIOUS TWO SECTIONS).

- Modifies the application of amendments to existing leases

Subtitle D—Powder River Basin Share Mineral Estate

All sections were stricken. The new language requires the Secretary of the Interior to review and report resolution of conflicts in Powder River Basin.