



GOVERNOR JOSH SHAPIRO

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MEDIA ADVISORY: TOMORROW IN WESTMORELAND COUNTY – Governor Shapiro Joins U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Deb Haaland to Announce New Federal Funding to Protect Communities from Health Hazards from Abandoned Mines

Bovard, PA – Tomorrow, **Governor Josh Shapiro** will join **U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Deb Haaland** for a tour of a mine reclamation and stabilization project in Bovard, Westmoreland County, and announce significant new investments in Pennsylvania under the federal Infrastructure, Investment, and Jobs Act (IIJA).

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation will receive funding for projects to clean up abandoned mine lands, remove waste piles, address mine subsidence, and treat abandoned mine drainage that affects streams and rivers. Pennsylvania has a roughly \$5 billion need for reclamation and stream restoration, and every year, dangerous mine subsidence affects [residents and businesses](#).

WHO:

Governor Josh Shapiro
U.S. DOI Secretary Deb Haaland
Frank Howard Jr., President of Howard Concrete

WHEN:

TOMORROW, Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 11:15 AM

WHERE:
Bovard, PA

LIVE STREAM:
pacast.com/live/gov
governor.pa.gov/live/

RSVP:
Press who are interested in attending must RSVP with the names and phone numbers for each member of their team to Sally Tucker at Sally_Tucker@ios.doi.gov and ra-gvqovpress@pa.gov. Address and instructions will be provided upon RSVP.