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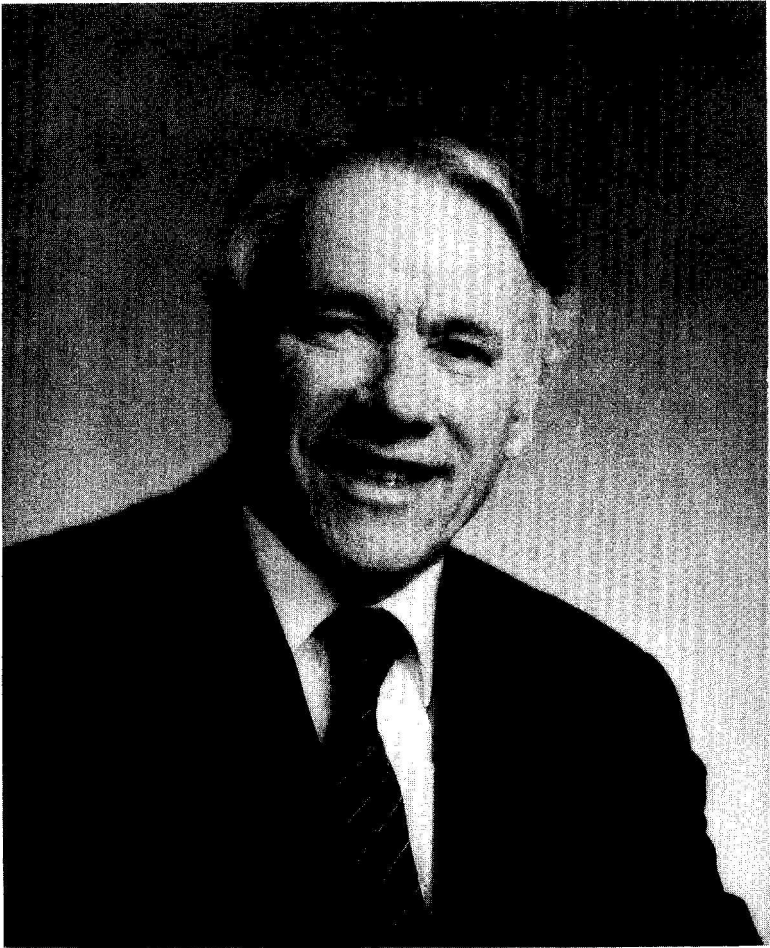
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BIOGRAPHY
Arthur A. Davis

Arthur A. Davis was appointed Secretary of the Department of Environmental Resources on January 7, 1987, by Governor Robert P. Casey.

DER is responsible for wisely managing the state's natural resources and enforcing laws and regulations to prevent environmental pollution and degradation. The Department acts as a trustee to guarantee the rights of all Pennsylvanians, including future generations, to a clean environment.

As Secretary of DER, Davis serves on the State Planning Board, Rural Issues Task Force, the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority, and the Ben Franklin Partnership Fund Board. He is Chairman of the Environmental Quality Board, Mining and Reclamation Advisory Board, State Conservation Commission, and the Water Facilities Loan Board. He serves on the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania State University.

Prior to his appointment at DER, Davis held the Maurice K. Goddard Chair of Forestry and Environmental Resources at Penn State, where his responsibilities included teaching; research in selected areas of environmental policy; and work with community, state, and federal leaders and private sector decision-making groups.

Before his service at Penn State, Davis was Director of Resource Policy and Director of the Land Policy Project at the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy in Pittsburgh. In those posts he was responsible for studies and activities relating to land use, resource management, and energy development and conservation.

Prior to coming to Pennsylvania in 1974, Davis was Vice-President for Operations of the Conservation Foundation in Washington D.C. Before joining the Foundation, Davis served in senior Federal positions for more than twenty years. He was the first Director of the Federal Open Space Land Program and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Metropolitan Development at the Department of Housing and Urban Development. He also served as Policy Director of the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission, which set the nation's recreation agenda for a generation and led to passage of such federal legislation as the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Davis holds a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Conservation from the University of Maine and a Master of Forestry Degree from Yale University.

He and his wife Neen enjoy wilderness canoeing on northern Canadian rivers, often accompanied by several of their five children.

The information anthracite and bituminous coal is in compliance with the Pennsylvania Anthracite Coal Mining Act (November 10, 1965, P. L. 346) as amended and the Pennsylvania Bituminous Coal Mine Act (July 17, 1961, P. L. 659) as amended.

This edition represents the 113 consecutive Annual Report concerning Anthracite and Bituminous Coal Mining Activities.



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Honorable Arthur A. Davis, Secretary
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Dear Secretary Davis:

As required by the Anthracite and Bituminous Coal Mine Acts, I herein submit a brief report on the activities of the Commonwealth's underground mining operations for 1987.

This edition represents the 118 consecutive annual report concerning the Anthracite and Bituminous coal mining activities within the Commonwealth.

Anthracite deep production decreased in the year by about 13,978 tons, with a decrease in employment over the previous year of 126 jobs. The industry accounted for slightly over 615,045 tons produced, employed about 620 deep miners in 98 mines. There were 219 non-fatal accidents. A decrease in fatalities to zero over the previous year of three.

In the Bituminous coal region, deep mine production increased 177,112 tons over 1986 with approximately 1,604 fewer miners employed. The number of deep mines operating was 95, ten fewer than the previous year. There were four fatal accidents compared to two in 1986. There was also a increase of 414 in non-fatal accidents.

The Bureau continues to train approximately 7,500 miners per year in mine safety techniques and prides itself on maintaining five first-rate mine rescue stations that are strategically located throughout the coal fields.

Please accept my thanks for your interest and cooperation extended to our program throughout the year.

Respectfully,

Richard C. Murphy, Division Director
Bureau of Deep Mine Safety