

OSM At A Glance

Mission

Our mission is to carry out the requirements of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA) in cooperation with states and tribes. Our primary objectives are to ensure that coal mines are operated in a manner that protects citizens and the environment during mining and assures that the land is restored to beneficial use following mining, and to mitigate the effects of past mining by aggressively pursuing reclamation of abandoned coal mines.

Budget and Workforce

\$164 million Fiscal Year 2009 in annual (discretionary) funds. This includes \$68 million in Fiscal Year 2009 regulatory grant funding to state and tribal regulatory authorities.

\$298 million in Fiscal Year 2009 Abandoned Mine Land grant funding to states and tribes, derived in part from a mandatory fee on every ton of coal produced in the U.S.

\$124 million in Fiscal Year 2009 payments to the United Mine Workers of America Combined Benefit Fund.

521 full-time equivalent employees.

Abandoned Mine Land Program

Addresses environmental and public safety hazards in pre-SMCRA mine sites.

Regulatory Program

Implements SMCRA and sets administrative and technical standards, performs oversight of state regulatory programs, and provides assistance to state regulatory programs.

Technology Development and Transfer

Provides technical support for the AML and Regulatory Programs.

Headquartered in Washington, D.C., with three Regional Offices.

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Area reclaimed by Luminant Mining Company, LLC, winner of one of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's mine reclamation awards in 2009. The Texas-based company received the prestigious OSM Director's Award for advancing the science of coal-mine reclamation.