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OSM Begins Using Twitter to Deliver Information to Public More Quickly

(Washington) – The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) has established a Twitter account to give the public and media quicker access to public information. The move is the Bureau’s first step in adopting a variety of social networking tools. Twitter is a free social networking and micro-blogging service that enables its users to send and read each others’ updates, known as “tweets.”

“By establishing a Twitter feed, we are increasing the pace at which OSM interacts with the public,” said OSM Director Joe Pizarchik. “We have heard from our stakeholders, who urged us to become a more responsive and transparent bureau. Twitter will allow us to get important information to the public, journalists, and our constituent groups faster than before.”

Interested parties can begin following OSM on Twitter at: www.twitter.com/OSMRE

The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement carries out the requirements of the [Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977](#) in cooperation with states and tribes. OSM’s objectives are to ensure that coal mining activities are conducted in a manner that protects citizens and the environment during mining, to ensure that the land is restored to beneficial use after mining, and to mitigate the effects of past mining by aggressively pursuing reclamation of abandoned coal mines.