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**Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement announces the winners of the 2011 Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Awards and the 2011 National Awards for Excellence in Surface Mining.**

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## The 2011 Excellence in Surface Coal Mining Award winners are:

- Oxford Mining Company, LLC, of Columbus, Ohio
- Big Horn Coal Company of Sheridan, Wyoming
- Western Energy Company of Colstrip, Montana
- Peabody Energy Big Sky Mine of Colstrip, Montana

OSM will recognize each company's achievements in a video presentation and present the winners with their respective awards at a banquet sponsored by the National Mining Association on October 17, 2011, in Washington, D.C.

For instant updates on OSM, and more on the bureau's reclamation awards, follow OSM on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/OSMRE](http://www.twitter.com/OSMRE) or visit the OSM home page at [www.osmre.gov](http://www.osmre.gov).

*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.*

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