THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

ORDER NO. 3315

Subject: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement Consolidated and Established within the Bureau of Land Management

Sec. 1 **Purpose**. The purpose of this Order is to consolidate the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) within the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to integrate the management, oversight, and accountability of activities associated with mining regulation and abandoned mine land reclamation; ensure efficiencies in revenue collection and enforcement responsibilities; and provide independent safety and environmental oversight of these activities.

Sec. 2 **Authority**. This Order is issued in accordance with the authority provided by Section 2 of the Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1262).

Sec. 3 **Organization Changes**. Through this Order, and in accordance with the schedule set forth in Section 5, BLM and OSM administrative support functions, environmental restoration programs for abandoned mine lands, certain fee collection programs, and mining oversight functions will be consolidated and/or realigned. The consolidation will achieve the following goals:

a. Administrative Support Functions. Integration of OSM's administrative functions with BLM's administrative functions, including, but not limited to the management of human resources, budget, communications, information, finance, ethics, and acquisition and financial assistance.

b. Environmental Restoration of Abandoned Mine Lands. Integration of OSM's abandoned mine lands programs and functions including its State grants-in-aid program and the Abandoned Mine Land Inventory System, and BLM's mine and surface reclamation programs.

c. Fee Collections. Integration of OSM's coal fee collection and distribution functions with the Office of Natural Resources Revenue's functions and programs, which currently administers the functions and programs for BLM coal, oil and gas, and geothermal revenue collection and distribution.

d. Regulation, Inspection and Enforcement, and State Program Oversight. Integration of OSM's coal mining regulation, inspection and enforcement programs and functions, and BLM's inspection and enforcement program functions relating to mining.

Sec. 4 **Effecting the Consolidation**. In accordance with the provisions of Section 5, the Deputy Secretary, in consultation with the Assistant Secretary - Policy, Management and Budget, the

Assistant Secretary - Land and Minerals Management, and the Directors of OSM and BLM, will take appropriate steps to effect the consolidation and the transfer of administrative and other functions, personnel, funds, and property to implement the provisions of this Order.

Sec. 5 **Effective Date**. The Deputy Secretary, in consultation with the Assistant Secretary - Policy, Management and Budget, the Assistant Secretary - Land and Minerals Management, and the Directors of OSM and BLM, will develop a schedule by March 1, 2012, for implementing this Order. The provisions of this Order will become effective December 1, 2011, following consultation with the White House, Office of Management and Budget, and applicable congressional committees with responsibilities over these functions, and remain in effect until this Order is amended, superseded, or revoked, whichever occurs first.

Ken Salazar

Secretary of the Interior

Date: OCT 26 2011