



# Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

## Mission

The mission of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) is to carry out the requirements of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA) in cooperation with States and Tribes. OSMRE ensures that coal mining is conducted in a manner that protects communities and the environment during mining, land is restored to beneficial use following mining, and abandoned mine lands are reclaimed.

## Budget Overview

The 2026 Budget request for OSMRE is \$261.7 million. The 2026 Budget delivers OSMRE's core mission requirements and supports State and Tribal programs to ensure effective, consistent, and high-quality programs across the Nation.

## Program Overview

OSMRE has statutory responsibility for administering programs to address the impacts of surface coal mining operations pursuant to Title V of SMCRA and the restoration of abandoned and unreclaimed mined areas pursuant to Title IV of SMCRA. OSMRE authorizes States and Tribes, upon approval of their programs, to perform these responsibilities subject to OSMRE oversight. With this authority, States and Tribes are responsible for nearly all the permitted sites in the Nation. OSMRE operates regulatory programs in States and on Tribal lands without an approved regulatory



Reclaimed mine site in Illinois.

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program and conducts reclamation of Abandoned Mine Land (AML) sites in States without an approved AML program. OSMRE oversees the State and Tribal programs and provides operational funding, training, technical assistance, support, and tools to help ensure effective, consistent, and high-quality programs across the Nation.

OSMRE's 2026 Budget supports Executive Order 14154 and Secretary's Order 3418, *Unleashing American Energy*, to revitalize the coal mining industry by removing impediments imposed by burdensome regulations on the development and use of our Nation's abundant energy.

## Regulation and Technology

The 2026 Budget includes \$101.2 million for Regulation and Technology.





- OSMRE was created in 1977 when Congress enacted the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act.
- OSMRE ensures coal mining operations are conducted in an environmentally responsible manner.

### Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund

The Budget also includes \$160.5 million, including \$130.0 million for the Abandoned Mine Land Economic Revitalization (AMLER) program, to support coalfield communities.

### Workforce Restructure

The 2026 Budget supports the Administration's priority to streamline government and will continue efforts to unify and optimize administrative services across the Department to increase effectiveness and efficiency for the benefit of American taxpayers.



A seeded and graded hillside at a reclaimed abandoned mine land site in eastern Kentucky.

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In our relations with the coal industry, OSMRE applies clear, fair, and consistent policies that respect the importance of coal production as a source of our Nation's energy supply.

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## SUMMARY OF BUREAU APPROPRIATIONS

(dollar amounts in thousands)

### Comparison of 2026 Request with 2025 CR

	2025 CR <sup>1/</sup>	2026 Request
Current		
Regulation and Technology .....	116,186	101,186
Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund .....	162,546	160,546
Total, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement .....	278,732	261,732

<sup>1/</sup> Resource levels included are estimates. The President reserves his authority under the "Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025" (P.L. 119-4) to revise spending within the amounts provided by Congress.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET CHANGES

By Appropriation Activity/Subactivity

### APPROPRIATION: Regulation and Technology

	2024 Actual	2025 Notional <sup>1/</sup>	2026 Request
Environmental Protection			
State and Tribal Funding .....	[62,400]	[62,400]	[52,400]
Subtotal, Environmental Protection .....	85,344	85,721	73,344
Permit Fees .....	40	40	40
<i>Offsetting Collections—Permit Fees</i> .....	-40	-40	-40
Technology, Development and Transfer .....	15,419	15,683	14,419
Financial Management .....	514	481	514
Executive Direction and Administration .....	14,909	14,301	12,909
Civil Penalties .....	237	100	100
<i>Offsetting Collections—Civil Penalties</i> .....	-237	-100	-100
TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....	116,186	116,186	101,186

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### APPROPRIATION: Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund

	2024 Actual	2025 Notional <sup>1/</sup>	2026 Request
Environmental Restoration .....	146,403	146,772	145,903
Technology, Development and Transfer .....	4,095	4,129	3,595
Financial Management .....	5,836	5,504	5,836
Executive Direction and Administration .....	6,212	6,141	5,212
TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....	162,546	162,546	160,546

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