



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.

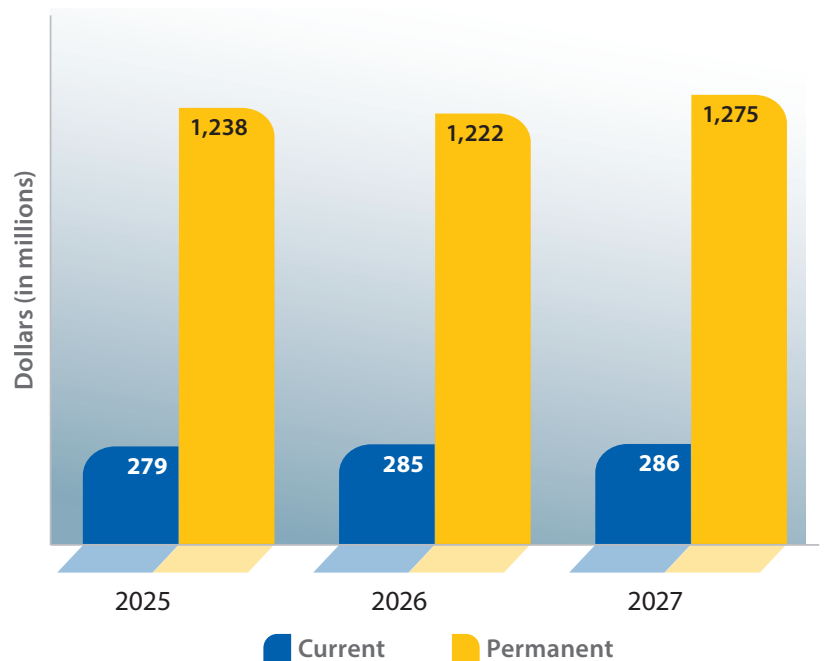
Budget Overview

The 2027 budget request for OSMRE is \$285.8 million. In total, OSMRE estimates the budget request will support 324 full-time equivalents (FTE). The 2027 budget delivers OSMRE's core mission requirements and ensures effective, consistent, and high-quality State and Tribal programs. The budget increases SMCRA Title V grant funding to States and Tribes. These grants are essential to ensuring program effectiveness, reinforcing cooperative federalism, and providing the resources necessary to support coal production during a national energy emergency.

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 Funding



OSMRE authorizes States and Tribes, upon approval of their programs, to perform those responsibilities, subject to OSMRE oversight. With that authority, States and Tribes are responsible for nearly all the permitted sites in the country. OSMRE operates regulatory programs in States and on Tribal lands without an approved regulatory 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 country.

Regulation and Technology

The 2027 budget includes \$117.2 million for Regulation and Technology. OSMRE's 2027 Regulation and Technology budget supports Executive Order 14154 and Secretary's Order 3418,



- The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (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.
- OSMRE also addresses the hazards and environmental degradation posed by legacy coal mines.

Unleashing American Energy, to revitalize the coal mining industry by removing impediments imposed by burdensome regulations on the development and use of our country's abundant energy.

Fixed Costs

Fixed cost increases of \$204,000 are fully funded.

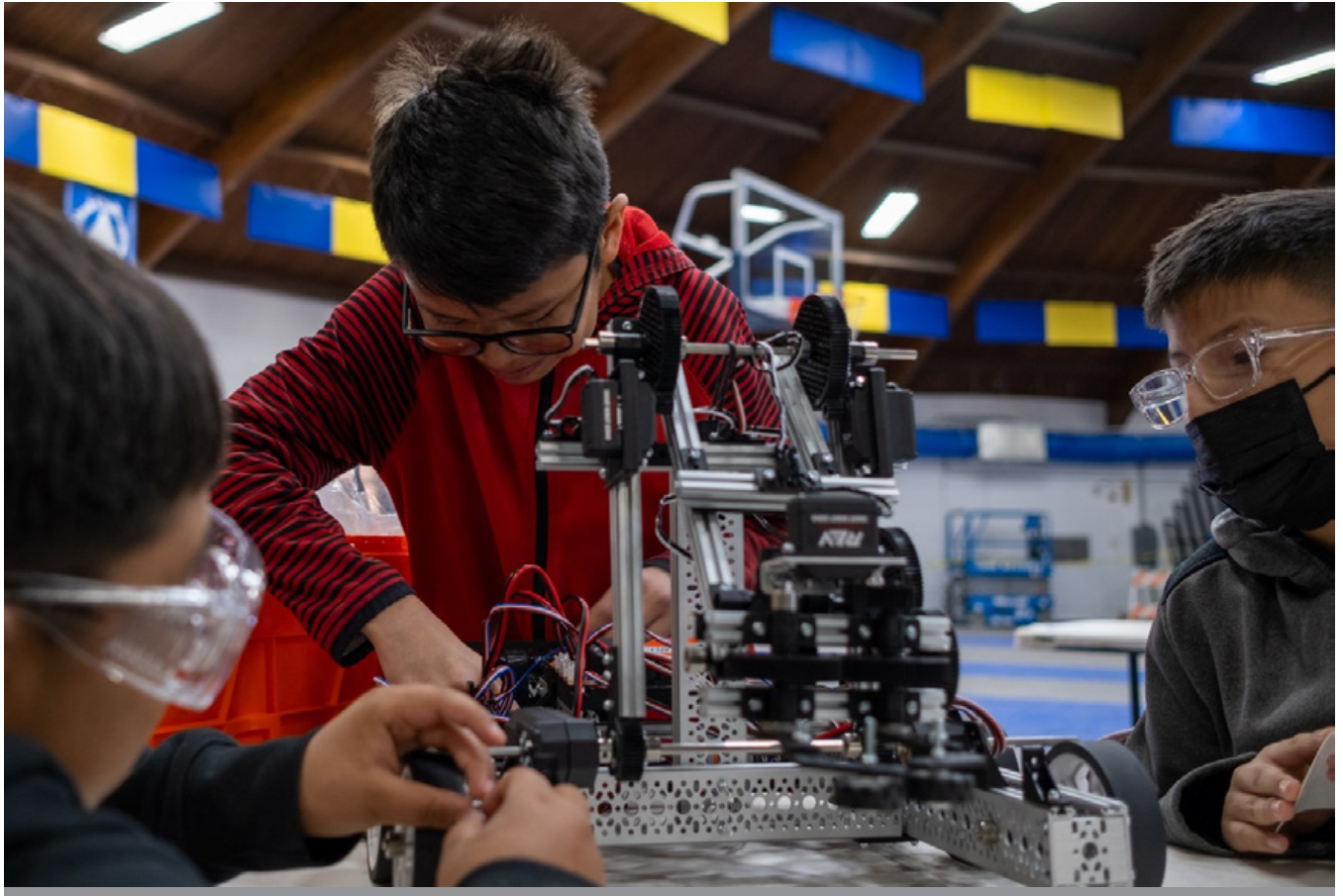
Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund

The 2027 budget also includes \$168.7 million, including \$134.0 million for the Abandoned Mine Land Economic Revitalization (AMLER) program, to support coalfield communities.



Field staff measure and mark the ground to lay out an inlet structure along an access road at a reclamation site.

OSMRE Photo.



Students set up their engineering machine as part of the Navajo Nation NTEC AML-funded STEM championship.

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SUMMARY OF BUREAU APPROPRIATIONS

(dollar amounts in thousands)

Comparison of 2027 Request with 2026 Enacted

	2026 Enacted		2027 Request		Change	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
Current						
Regulation and Technology	219	117,575	219	117,163	0	-412
Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund	105	166,975	105	168,662	0	+1,687
Subtotal, Current	324	284,550	324	285,825	0	+1,275
Permanent						
Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund	0	471,137	0	525,688	0	+54,551
Payments to States in Lieu of Coal Fee Receipts	0	24,860	0	19,478	0	-5,382
Supplemental Payments to United Mine Workers of America Plans	0	725,557	0	729,345	0	+3,788
Subtotal, Permanent	0	1,221,554	0	1,274,511	0	+52,957
TOTAL, OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT	324	1,506,104	324	1,560,336	0	+54,232

HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET CHANGES

By Appropriation Activity/Subactivity
(dollar amounts in thousands)

APPROPRIATION: Regulation and Technology

	2025 Actual	2026 Enacted	2027 Request	Change
Environmental Protection				
State and Tribal Funding	62,400	63,700	65,400	+1,700
State Program Evaluation	8,616	8,616	6,469	-2,147
Federal Programs	4,490	4,490	4,915	+425
Federal Lands	1,510	1,510	1,485	-25
Indian Lands	3,320	3,320	3,264	-56
Program Development and Maintenance	5,385	5,097	5,296	+199
Subtotal, Environmental Protection	85,721	86,733	86,829	+96
Permit Fees	40	40	40	0
Offsetting Collections—Permit Fees	-40	-40	-40	0
Technology Development and Transfer				
Technical Assistance	11,446	11,182	11,248	+66
Training	2,139	2,139	2,102	-37
Technology Transfer	2,098	2,098	1,062	-1,036
Subtotal, Technology Development and Transfer	15,683	15,419	14,412	-1,007
Financial Management				
Revenue Management	380	413	413	0
Grants Financial Management	101	101	101	0
Subtotal, Financial Management	481	514	514	0
Executive Direction and Administration				
Executive Direction	2,301	2,391	1,768	-623
Administrative Support	3,700	3,700	3,184	-516
General Services	8,300	8,818	10,456	+1,638
Subtotal, Executive Direction and Administration	14,301	14,909	15,408	+499
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	116,186	117,575	117,163	-412

APPROPRIATION: Civil Penalties

	2025 Actual	2026 Enacted	2027 Request	Change
Civil Penalties	100	100	100	0
Offsetting Collections—Civil Penalties	-100	-100	-100	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	0	0	0	0

APPROPRIATION: Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund

	2025 Actual	2026 Enacted	2027 Request	Change
Environmental Restoration				
State and Tribal Funding.....	500	0	0	0
State Program Evaluation.....	2,726	2,726	2,625	-101
Federal Reclamation Programs—Projects.....	6,119	6,119	6,619	+500
Federal Reclamation Programs—Operations.....	3,210	3,210	3,591	+381
Program Development and Maintenance.....	4,217	4,848	4,062	-786
AML Economic Revitalization Grants.....	130,000	134,000	134,000	0
Subtotal, Environmental Restoration.....	146,772	150,903	150,897	-6
Technology Development and Transfer				
Technical Assistance.....	2,121	2,087	2,103	+16
Training.....	830	830	822	-8
Technology Transfer.....	1,178	1,178	668	-510
Subtotal, Technology Development and Transfer.....	4,129	4,095	3,593	-502
Financial Management				
Fee Compliance.....	4,963	5,295	5,249	-46
Grants Financial Management.....	541	541	583	+42
Subtotal, Financial Management.....	5,504	5,836	5,832	-4
Executive Direction and Administration				
Executive Direction.....	949	949	387	-562
Administrative Support.....	1,892	1,892	1,333	-559
General Services.....	3,300	3,300	6,620	+3,320
Subtotal, Executive Direction and Administration.....	6,141	6,141	8,340	+2,199
TOTAL APPROPRIATION.....	162,546	166,975	168,662	+1,687

