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DME is integral in assisting land managers to fulfill their DOI mission responsibilities for obtaining Fair Market Value of Minerals and Minerals associated with Mineral Estates.

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MINERAL EXPERTS IN THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF VALUATION SERVICES



*Evaluating minerals for the
people of the
United States of America*

Who We Are and What We Do

Guiding Principle

The guiding principal of the Division of Minerals Evaluation (DME) is to provide unbiased information through mineral assessments and market analyses as it pertains to the role of minerals on, and affecting, Federally managed and entrusted lands. This information and these methodologies stand alone or are used to support the appraisal process to estimate fair market value.

Goals

- Provide DOI with the minerals expertise to make a final estimation on the minerals contribution to resource issues.
- Support the Indian Land Consolidation Act (ILCA), American Indian Probate Reform Act (AIPRA), and other relevant directives by providing expert analysis of minerals information.
- Support the Land Buy-Back Program
- Establish and maintain a system of records in accordance with trust responsibilities.
- Employ the appropriate level of analysis that considers economies of scale and the use of the best available minerals information to support fair market value estimations.
- Operate under excellent business principles by providing high-quality services in a cost effective and timely manner.

The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) was founded to protect America's natural resources and heritage, honor our cultures and tribal communities, and supply energy to power our future. Through its bureaus, it is the pre-eminent land and resources managing department in the Federal Government.

The Secretary established the DME (formerly Office of Minerals Evaluation) in 2006; 2 years after introduction of the Appraisal Services Directorate. In 2010, the Secretary approved a reorganization resulting in the Office of Valuation Services (including DME within it) by Secretarial Order No. 3300.

For minerals, this order intended to support the overall mission of the DOI by filling the void in minerals expertise within OVS, as identified by the Government Accountability Office's (GAO) report (GAO-06-1050). The DME achieves this with OVS by acting as the independent body to evaluate minerals for federal and entrusted lands, or affected land and minerals by acquisitions, conveyances, and/or uses; and ensuring fair market values, as required by law.

Supported by the Land and Water Conservation fund, DME is responsible for all minerals evaluations for Interior agencies: Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, National Park Service, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

This includes agency staff (e)valuation reviews, related management, oversight, and (e)valuation policy for DOI.

Through other fund sources, DME also provides minerals evaluation services to other federal agencies; General Services Administration, Office of the Inspector General, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Special Trustee, and Office of Hearings and Appeals; and others as needed to fulfill federal program goals and requirements.

The Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions requires that, *"...in the case of land that is underlain with marketable minerals ... the existence of those minerals is a factor of value to be considered in determining the market value of the property.."*

DME PRODUCTS:

- ◆ Mineral Evaluations/Valuations
- ◆ Consultations
- ◆ Requests For Proposals (contracting)
- ◆ Reimbursable Service Agreements
- ◆ Interior and external mineral reporting technical reviews
- ◆ Inter/Intra-agency Agreements, Memorandums of Understanding