



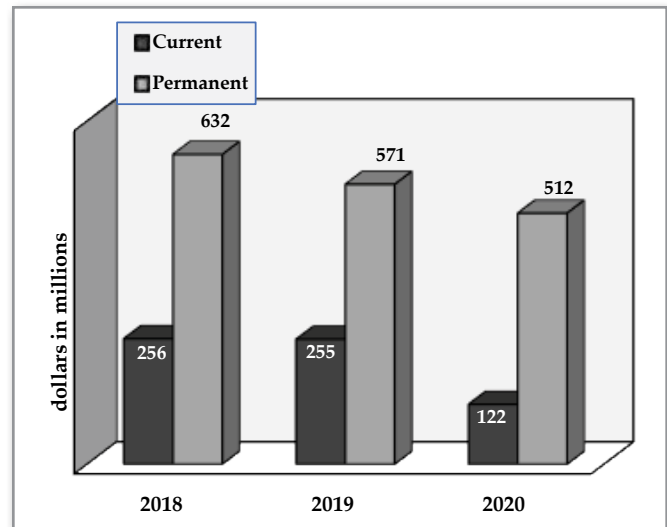
# OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT

**Mission**—The mission of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) is to ensure, through a nationwide regulatory program in cooperation with the States and Tribes, that coal mining activities are conducted in a manner that protects communities and the environment during mining, ensures land is restored to beneficial use following mining, and mitigates the effects of past mining through the reclamation of abandoned mine lands.

**Budget Overview**—The 2020 budget request for OSMRE is \$121.7 million. The budget delivers OSMRE’s core mission requirements for oversight and supports State and Tribal programs to ensure effective, consistent, and high-quality regulatory and reclamation programs across the Nation. OSMRE estimates staffing will equal 398 full-time equivalents in 2020.

**Regulation and Technology**—The 2020 budget request for Regulation and Technology, Title V of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SM-CRA), is \$97.0 million. The budget includes \$67.8 million for Environmental Protection programs. Within that, the 2020 budget includes \$43.9 million for State and Tribal regulatory grants. Additionally, the budget includes \$3.8 million to improve the mine plan review process, enabling OSMRE to align its staff and fiscal resources across activities to better focus on developing initiatives that will streamline the NEPA process, enhance and accelerate the permitting process with adequate public participation, and ensure energy is available to meet our security and economic needs while protecting the environment. Other program funding is concentrated on State Program Evaluation and

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Federal Program operations, which regulate coal mining in States and for Tribes that are without approved regulatory programs to fulfill OSMRE’s Title V obligations. The budget includes \$23.9 million to maintain and support these State, Federal, and Indian lands programs.

The OSMRE’s statutory role is to promote and assist its partner States and Tribes in establishing a stable regulatory environment for coal mining. The proposed level of regulatory grant funding, together with expected carryover funding from 2019, provides for the efficient and effective operations of programs at a level consistent with the anticipated obligations of State and Tribal regulatory programs to account for the Nation’s demand for coal mine permitting and production.

The 2020 budget request includes \$14.8 million to support the Title V mission-focused Technology Development and Transfer activities. As mining

## OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT FACTS

- Created in 1977 when Congress enacted the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act.
- Ensures coal mining operations are conducted in an environmentally responsible manner.
- Requires land is adequately reclaimed and restored to beneficial use during and following the mining process through regulation.
- Institutes nationwide programs to protect society and the environment from the adverse effects of surface coal mining operations.
- Trains hundreds of State and Tribal professionals in a broad range of reclamation skills such as reestablishing wildlife habitat.

and engineering information and technology continue to improve, OSMRE continues to provide to States and Tribes the most up-to-date information, technical training, technical assistance, and technology transfer. These programs help the States and Tribes fulfill SMCRA's requirements in the operation of their regulatory and reclamation programs and support advancements, such as electronic permitting and applied science solutions, specific to coal-mined sites. The request includes \$14.4 million for Financial Management and general program support to OSMRE operations.

As in prior years, the budget proposes to recover the cost of reviewing, administering, and enforcing permits for surface coal mining and reclamation in Federal programs and on Indian lands where OSMRE is the regulatory authority, and encourages States to further pursue cost-recovery options. OSMRE expects to recover \$40,000 in permitting fees in 2020.

**Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation**—Under Title IV of SMCRA, effective State, Tribal, and Federal

abandoned mine land programs help to ensure expeditious return of pre-SMCRA mined lands to effective post-mining land uses. The OSMRE's proposed budget fulfills this statutory goal by preserving funding for these critical requirements.

The 2020 budget request for the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund is \$24.7 million. The budget does not request funding for the Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Economic Development Grants pilot program, which overlaps with existing mandatory AML grants. The budget includes \$9.5 million for Environmental Restoration activities that focus on State and Federal programs, \$3.6 million for Technology Development and Transfer programs, and \$11.7 million to support Financial Management and general OSMRE program operations to fulfill OSMRE's Title IV obligations in the reclamation of abandoned mine lands.

**Fixed Costs**—Fixed costs are fully funded.

**SUMMARY OF BUREAU APPROPRIATIONS**  
**(all dollar amounts in thousands)**

*Comparison of 2020 Request with 2019 CR*

	2019 CR		2020 Request		Change	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
<b>Current</b>						
Regulation and Technology .....	281	115,804	298	96,960	+17	-18,844
Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund .....	117	139,672	100	24,713	-17	-114,959
Subtotal, Current .....	398	255,476	398	121,673	0	-133,803
<b>Permanent</b>						
Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund .....	0	242,623	0	201,198	0	-41,425
Payments to States in Lieu of Coal Fee Receipts.....	0	102,994	0	47,300	0	-55,694
Supplemental Payments to UMWA Health Plans .....	0	225,076	0	263,942	0	+38,866
Subtotal, Permanent .....	0	570,693	0	512,440	0	-58,253
<b>TOTAL, OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING</b>						
<b>RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT.....</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>826,169</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>634,113</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-192,056</b>

## HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET CHANGES

*By Appropriation Activity/Subactivity*

### APPROPRIATION: Regulation and Technology

	2018 Actual	2019 CR	2020 Request	Change
Environmental Protection.....	88,562	88,562	67,754	-20,808
Permit Fees .....	40	40	40	0
<i>Offsetting Collections - Permit Fees.....</i>	0	-40	-40	0
Technology, Development and Transfer .....	12,801	12,801	14,765	+1,964
Financial Management .....	505	505	505	0
Executive Direction and Administration.....	13,936	13,936	13,936	0
Civil Penalties .....	4	100	100	0
<i>Offsetting Collections - Civil Penalties.....</i>	-4	-100	-100	0
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....</b>	<b>115,844</b>	<b>115,804</b>	<b>96,960</b>	<b>-18,844</b>

### *Detail of Budget Changes*

	<u>2020 Change from 2019 CR</u>		<u>2020 Change from 2019 CR</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....	-18,844	Training.....	+42
Environmental Protection.....	-20,808	Technology Transfer .....	+1,467
State and Tribal Funding.....	-24,687	AMD/Treat Software Development .....	+347
Regulatory Grant Funding.....	-24,687	Applied Science Projects.....	+470
State Program Evaluations.....	-119	Enhanced GeoMine Project.....	+500
Mine Plan Review Process .....	-119	Unmanned Aerial System .....	+150
Federal Programs .....	+1,235	Fixed Costs .....	+53
Improve Mine Plan Review Process .....	+1,235	Financial Management .....	0
Federal Lands.....	+17	Program Realignment.....	-2
Improve Mine Plan Review Process .....	+17	Fixed Costs .....	+2
Indian Lands .....	+458	Executive Direction and Administration.....	0
Improve Mine Plan Review Process .....	+458	Investment in Future Efficiencies.....	+841
Program Development and Maintenance .....	+2,166	Program Realignment.....	-27
Improve Mine Plan Review Process .....	+2,166	Fixed Costs .....	-814
Fixed Costs .....	+122	Subtotals for Changes Across	
Technology, Development and Transfer .....	+1,964	Multiple Subactivities	
Technical Assistance.....	+402	Improve Mine Plan Review Process .....	[+3,800]
Coal Information Management System .....	+402	Fixed Costs .....	[-637]

**APPROPRIATION: Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund**

	2018 Actual	2019 CR	2020 Request	Change
Environmental Restoration.....	124,480	124,480	9,480	-115,000
Technology, Development and Transfer .....	3,544	3,544	3,576	+32
Financial Management.....	5,182	5,182	5,191	+9
Executive Direction and Administration.....	6,466	6,466	6,466	0
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....</b>	<b>139,672</b>	<b>139,672</b>	<b>24,713</b>	<b>-114,959</b>

*Detail of Budget Changes*

	2020 Change from 2019 CR
TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....	-114,959
Environmental Restoration.....	-115,000
AML Economic Development .....	-115,000
Program Realignment.....	-26
Fixed Costs .....	+26
Technology, Development and Transfer .....	+32
Technical Assistance.....	+27
Coal Information Management System	+27
Training.....	-5
Technology Transfer .....	-1
Fixed Costs .....	+11
Financial Management .....	+9
Fee Compliance .....	-21
Grants Financial Management .....	+8
Fixed Costs .....	+22
Executive Direction and Administration.....	0
Executive Direction .....	-4
Administrative Support .....	-11
General Services .....	+413
Fixed Costs .....	-398
Subtotals for Changes Across	
Multiple Subactivities	
Fixed Costs .....	[-339]