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President Proposes \$122 Million FY 2020 Budget for OSMRE

Budget Prioritizes Core Mission, Increases Efficiencies, Supports American Energy Needs

WASHINGTON, D.C. – President Donald Trump today proposed a \$122 million Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 budget for the [Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement](#) (OSMRE).

“This year’s budget focuses OSMRE’s work on the most essential functions required by the law,” said Joe Balash, U.S. Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management. “It promotes technology, training and strong partnerships with States and Tribes under the surface mining program as a means of effectively protecting people and the environment.”

The President’s FY 2020 budget request supports the nation’s energy needs. Coal mining will continue under a reasonable and appropriate regulatory structure and reclamation of abandoned mine lands will continue to achieve statutory and regulatory goals.

See OSMRE’s proposed FY2020 budget summary [here](#).

The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) carries out the requirements of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 in cooperation with states and tribes. OSMRE’s objectives are to ensure that coal mining activities are conducted in a manner that protects citizens and the environment during mining, to ensure that the land is restored to beneficial use after mining, and to mitigate the effects of past mining by aggressively pursuing reclamation of abandoned coal mines.

