

## Program Evaluations

Program evaluations are an important tool in analyzing the effectiveness and efficiency of Interior's programs, and in evaluating whether the programs are meeting their intended objectives. Interior's programs are evaluated through a variety of means, including performance audits, the Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART), financial audits, management control reviews, and external reviews from Congress, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Office of the Inspector General (OIG), and other organizations, such as the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) and the National Academy of Sciences (NAS). Interior uses self-assessments to verify that performance information and measurement systems are accurate and support the Department's strategic direction and goals. Data collection and reporting processes are further reviewed and improved through the use of customer and internal surveys.

Examples of some of the program evaluations conducted for each Interior bureau during FY 2006 follow in Figure 2-14. (Note - This includes PART assessments conducted during FY 2006 for Budget Year 2008). Figure 2-15 lists all PARTS conducted from 2002 through 2006.

Interior program managers have developed action plans in response to the Administration's recommendations regarding the PARTed programs. These action plans were first implemented early in FY 2003 for programs assessed in FY 2002. Although periodic progress reports have been provided to OMB, Interior program managers and executives are actively tracking progress toward implementing recommendations to improve their programs. Interior is using a web-based management system to track and monitor its progress, and formal progress reviews are conducted quarterly.

PART reviews are available at [www.expectmore.gov](http://www.expectmore.gov), and copies of specific program reviews can be obtained by writing the Department of the Interior, Office of Planning and Performance Management, Mail Stop 5258, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240. Please be specific regarding the program review of interest.

## Sample Program Evaluations

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Bureau	Title of Program Evaluated	Strategic Plan Mission Area	Purpose of Program Evaluation	Actions Taken in Response to Evaluation	For Copy Contact:
BIA	Natural Resource Programs	Serving Communities	The program was assessed for Budget Year 2008 using PART. Once recommendations for programmatic improvement are final, an action plan to implement those improvements will be developed.	Recommendations under development	Arch Wells, Acting Deputy Director Trust Services 202-208-5831; or Jeffrey Loman, Natural Resources Division Chief, 202-208-7373
BIA	Trust Real Estate Services	Serving Communities	The program was assessed for Budget Year 2008 using PART. Once recommendations for programmatic improvement are final, an action plan to implement those improvements will be developed.	Recommendations under development	Arch Wells, Acting Deputy Director Trust Services 202-208-5831; or Matt Crain, Assistant Deputy Director for Trust Services, 202-208-6407
BLM	Procurement: Alaska, California, National Fire Center, Montana & Oregon	Serving Communities	Evaluate program effectiveness, efficiency, and consistency with legal and regulatory requirements. Ensure prevention of waste, fraud, and abuse.	Actions are planned in response to each recommendation and will be monitored through completion.	Paul Jeske, Bureau of Land Management Control Coordinator, 1849 C Street NW, (LS1000) Washington, D.C. 20240 Paul_Jeske@blm.gov
BLM	Property and Fleet Management, Alaska, California & Oregon	Serving Communities	Evaluate program effectiveness, efficiency, and consistency with legal and regulatory requirements. Ensure prevention of waste, fraud, and abuse.	Actions are planned in response to each recommendation and will be monitored through completion.	Paul Jeske, Bureau of Land Management Control Coordinator, 1849 C Street NW, (LS1000) Washington, D.C. 20240 Paul_Jeske@blm.gov
BLM	General Management, Utah, Montana & Renewable Resources and Planning Directorate	Resource Use	Evaluate effectiveness of internal and external communications, management, and leadership. Ensure prevention of waste, fraud, and abuse.	Actions are planned in response to each recommendation and will be monitored through completion.	Paul Jeske, Bureau of Land Management Control Coordinator, 1849 C Street NW, (LS1000) Washington, D.C. 20240 Paul_Jeske@blm.gov
BLM	Invasive and Noxious Weeds Program Alternative Internal Control Review (AICR), California	Resource Protection	Focus on program guidance and management of work accomplishments. Evaluate program effectiveness, efficiency, and consistency with legal and regulatory requirements. Ensure prevention of waste, fraud, and abuse.	Actions are planned in response to each recommendation and will be monitored through completion.	Paul Jeske, Bureau of Land Management Control Coordinator, 1849 C Street NW, (LS1000) Washington, D.C. 20240 Paul_Jeske@blm.gov

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BLM	Range Program AICR, Colorado	Resource Use	Focus on the grazing renewal permit process and rangeland health standards. Evaluate program effectiveness, efficiency, and consistency with legal and regulatory requirements. Ensure prevention of waste, fraud, and abuse.	Actions are planned in response to each recommendation and will be monitored through completion.	Paul Jeske, Bureau of Land Management Control Coordinator, 1849 C Street NW, (LS1000) Washington, D.C. 20240 Paul_Jeske@blm.gov
BLM	Challenge Cost Share Program AICR, Wyoming and Arizona	Resource Use	Evaluate program effectiveness, efficiency, and consistency with legal and regulatory requirements. Ensure prevention of waste, fraud, and abuse.	Actions are planned in response to each recommendation and will be monitored through completion.	Paul Jeske, Bureau of Land Management Control Coordinator, 1849 C Street NW, (LS1000) Washington, D.C. 20240 Paul_Jeske@blm.gov
BLM	Forestry Stewardship Contracting Program AICR	Resource Use	Focus on effectiveness of guidance and delegations of authority. Evaluate program effectiveness, efficiency, and consistency with legal and regulatory requirements. Ensure prevention of waste, fraud, and abuse.	Actions are planned in response to each recommendation and will be monitored through completion.	Paul Jeske, Bureau of Land Management Control Coordinator, 1849 C Street NW, (LS1000) Washington, D.C. 20240 Paul_Jeske@blm.gov
BLM	Helium Program AICR	Resource Use	Evaluate program effectiveness, efficiency, and consistency with legal and regulatory requirements. Ensure prevention of waste, fraud, and abuse.	Actions are planned in response to each recommendation and will be monitored through completion.	Paul Jeske, Bureau of Land Management Control Coordinator, 1849 C Street NW, (LS1000) Washington, D.C. 20240 Paul_Jeske@blm.gov
BLM	Environmental Cleanup Liabilities Program AICR	Resource Protection	Focus on criteria, decisions to place sites on the list, and documentation of process and rationale. Evaluate program effectiveness, efficiency, and consistency with legal and regulatory requirements.	Actions are planned in response to each recommendation and will be monitored through completion.	Paul Jeske, Bureau of Land Management Control Coordinator, 1849 C Street NW, (LS1000) Washington, D.C. 20240 Paul_Jeske@blm.gov

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BLM	Land and Water Conservation Fund Program AICR	Resource Protection	Focus on project ranking criteria and process. Evaluate program effectiveness, efficiency, and consistency with legal and regulatory requirements. Ensure prevention of waste, fraud, and abuse.	Actions are planned in response to each recommendation and will be monitored through completion.	Paul Jeske, Bureau of Land Management Control Coordinator, 1849 C Street NW, (LS1000) Washington, D.C. 20240 Paul_Jeske@blm.gov
BLM	Oil and Gas Surface Management Program AICR	Resource Use	Evaluate program effectiveness, efficiency, and consistency with legal and regulatory requirements. Ensure prevention of waste, fraud, and abuse.	Actions are planned in response to each recommendation and will be monitored through completion.	Paul Jeske, Bureau of Land Management Control Coordinator, 1849 C Street NW, (LS1000) Washington, D.C. 20240 Paul_Jeske@blm.gov
BLM	Land and Realty Program AICR, Eastern States	Resource Use	Evaluate program effectiveness, efficiency, and consistency with legal and regulatory requirements. Ensure prevention of waste, fraud, and abuse.	Actions are planned in response to each recommendation and will be monitored through completion.	Paul Jeske, Bureau of Land Management Control Coordinator, 1849 C Street NW, (LS1000) Washington, D.C. 20240 Paul_Jeske@blm.gov
BLM	Radio Program AICR	Resource Protection	Evaluate organization, technology, and budget issues.	Actions are planned in response to each recommendation and will be monitored through completion.	Paul Jeske, Bureau of Land Management Control Coordinator, 1849 C Street NW, (LS1000) Washington, D.C. 20240 Paul_Jeske@blm.gov
BLM	Improper Payments Risk Assessment	Serving Communities	To identify and evaluate the potential risks for making improper payments and make corrections where warranted.	Completed assessment; no additional actions required.	Tom Boyd, Bureau of Land Management National Business Center Director; Box 25047 Denver, Co 80225 Tomas_Boyd@blm.gov
BLM	Resource Management (Including Grazing)	Resource Use	The program was assessed for Budget Year 2008 using PART. Once recommendations for programmatic improvement are final, an action plan to implement those improvements will be developed.	Awaiting OMB's recommendations; anticipated by February 2007.	www.expectmore.gov

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BLM	Resource Protection Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART)	Resource Protection	To improve program performance by linking performance to budget decisions and providing a basis for recommendations to improve performance. The program was assessed for Budget Year 2008.	Once follow-up actions are identified, an action plan to complete the needed improvements will be developed.	Carol Moore, Bureau of Land Management PART Coordinator; 1849 C Street NW; (LS 1000) Washington, D.C. 20240 Carol_Moore@blm.gov
BOR	Dam Safety Program	Resource Protection	An annual review of the program was completed in accordance with Directives & Standards FAC 01-06, Annual reporting for Dam Safety, Security and Related Operations.	No material weaknesses were identified during the review.	Bruce Muller, PM and POC 303-445-3238
BOR	Sensitive Automated Information Systems	Resource Protection	Systems reviews were completed on Reclamation's IT portfolio systems.	No material weaknesses were identified. Non-material weaknesses were incorporated into the POA&M	Randy Feuerstein, PM. Pam Hajny, POC. phajny@do.usbr.gov, 303-445-3009.
BOR	CALFED	Serving Communities	The program was assessed for Budget Year 2008 using PART. Once recommendations for programmatic improvement are final, an action plan to implement those improvements will be developed.	Awaiting OMB's recommendations; anticipated by February 2007.	www.expectmore.gov
BOR	Central Valley Project Restoration Fund (CVP)	Serving Communities	The program was assessed for Budget Year 2008 using PART. Once recommendations for programmatic improvement are final, an action plan to implement those improvements will be developed.	Awaiting OMB's recommendations; anticipated by February 2007.	www.expectmore.gov
BOR	Acquisition Management	Management Excellence	Regional reviews were conducted in FY 2006.	Review recommendations require a formal corrective action plan from each Region for resolution of the problem areas noted.	Liz Harrison, PM. Karla Smiley, POC. 303-445-2450.
BOR	Personal Property Management	Management Excellence	Annual Review was conducted.	As a result of the review, offices develop corrective action plans to address all identified non-material deficiencies.	Liz Harrison, PM. Roger Molinar, POC. 303-445-3133.
BOR	Improper Payments	Management Excellence	A risk assessment was conducted. No programs require reporting to the President or Congress.	Reclamation formally notified DOI that a risk assessment was conducted and that no programs met the required criteria.	Liz Harrison, PM. Tom Lab, POC. 303-445-3436.

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FWS	Endangered Species	Resource Protection, Resource Use	Review of the FY 2001 - 2004 Endangered Species Section 6 Nontraditional Grant Programs	Review was completed in March 2006. The Branch of State Grants is working with the Division of Federal Aid and the Regions to implement the report's recommendations.	Bryan Arroyo, Acting Assistant Director, Endangered Species, Bryan_Arroyo@fws.gov, 202-208-4646
FWS	Endangered Species	Resource Protection, Resource Use	FY2006 Annual Assurance Statement on Internal Control	Review was completed by August 1, 2006, resulting in an "unqualified" (no material weakness or non-conformance).	Bryan Arroyo, Acting Assistant Director, Endangered Species, Bryan_Arroyo@fws.gov, 202-208-4646
FWS	Endangered Species	Resource Protection, Resource Use	FY 2006 Internal Control Review (ICR) Self-Assessment Certification (ECOS)	No material weaknesses were identified from the IT system security assessments that were conducted of the Environmental Conservation Online System (ECOS) and all associated applications.	Bryan Arroyo, Acting Assistant Director, Endangered Species, Bryan_Arroyo@fws.gov, 202-208-4646
FWS	Endangered Species	Resource Protection, Resource Use	Risk Assessment Required by Public Law 107-300	No significant weaknesses were found regarding payments through the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund (CESCF) or the use of Endangered Species – Resource Management funds. No additional action required.	Bryan Arroyo, Acting Assistant Director, Endangered Species, Bryan_Arroyo@fws.gov, 202-208-4646
FWS	Endangered Species: Time & Costs Required to Recover Species are Largely Unknown	Resource Protection	GAO Report GAO-06-463R April 2006	We have added a column to a table in the Recovery Report to Congress that will include time and cost estimates to recover species. We also are developing guidance that clarifies the need to include these estimates for species recovery.	Bryan Arroyo, Acting Assistant Director, Endangered Species, Bryan_Arroyo@fws.gov, 202-208-4646

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FWS	Fisheries Program	Resource Protection, Recreation, and Management Excellence	Administration's PART	Not yet finalized, Program pleased with preliminary rating/score. Program drafted and remitted its PART Improvement Plan, not yet approved by OMB.	Joe Moran Joe_Moran@fws.gov p) 703-358-2250
FWS	Habitat Conservation (Resource Protection)	Resource Protection	PART	PART Improvement Plan Adopt long-term outcome and annual output goals developed during the PART process. Develop a process for independent program evaluation. Develop template for performance based budget.	Dave Stout Dave_Stout@fws.gov 703-358-2555 Hannibal Bolton Hannibal_Bolton@fws.gov 703-358-2027
FWS	Aquatic Nuisance Species	Resource Protection, Sustain Biological Communities	Administration's PART	Not yet finalized, Program pleased with preliminary rating/score. Program drafted and remitted its PART Improvement Plan, not yet approved by OMB	Kari Duncan Kari_Duncan@fws.gov 703-358-2464
FWS	Conservation Planning, National Wildlife Refuge System	Resource Protection, Resource Use, Recreation, and Management Excellence	FY 2006 Internal Control Review (ICR)	Review was completed in August 2006. The Division of Conservation Planning and Policy is implementing Planned Corrective Actions to remedy the seven significant weaknesses that were identified. No material weaknesses were identified.	Ross Alliston, Refuge Planning Coordinator, Ross_Alliston@fws.gov, 703-358-2388
FWS	NWRS/Region 7 Wildland Fire Management Program Review	Resource Protection	Review of the management, planning, and operational procedures of the Region 7 Wildland Fire Management Program	Review was conducted in May 2006. Region 7 response to the Wildland Fire Management Program Review Draft Report received October 2006. Final Report scheduled for release November 2006.	Brian McManus, Chief, Branch of Fire Management Brian_McManus@fws.gov 208-387-5583

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MMS	Property Management Annual Management Control Assessment	Management Excellence	An internal property compliance review of MMS Headquarters, Herndon, Virginia, was conducted during the AMAR using the current DOI Property Management Review Guidelines to ensure that the requirements of OMB Circular A-123 were being met. Surveys/interviews with program customers, property employees, and property managers were included and addressed as part of the review process. The final assessment also included any requirements issued in PAM's FY 2006 guidance.	As appropriate, corrective action plans were developed, implemented, and tracked for deficiencies identified in the course of the review/ assessment. This review initially identified two control weaknesses and corrective actions. However, because one control weakness was corrected prior to the issuance of this report, only one control weakness, with two corrective actions, was reported as requiring further attention. No material weaknesses were identified.	Rhonda Watkins, Chief, Support Services, MS2000, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, VA, 703-787-1386
MMS	Acquisition Management Control Assessment	Management Excellence	An internal acquisition compliance review of MMS Headquarters, Herndon, Virginia, was conducted during the AMAR using current acquisition and assistance award regulations and OMB circulars to ensure that the requirements of OMB Circular A-123 were being met. Surveys/interviews with program customers, acquisition personnel, charge cardholders, and their related supervisors were conducted as part of the review. The final assessment also included any requirements issued in PAM's FY 2006 guidance. Also, responses were provided for the Acquisition Targeted Review Requirements regarding use of the Central Contractor Registration.	As appropriate, corrective action plans were developed, implemented, and tracked for deficiencies identified during the AMAR. This review identified 11 control weaknesses and 36 corrective actions. No material weaknesses were identified.  Note: A&B performed combined DFRs of (1) Acquisition Internal Control Review and Assessment and (2) Federal Financial Assistance Internal Control Review and Assessment; and submitted a combined report to the Department.	James Shilkett, Chief PAIS Branch, MS2100, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, VA, 703-787-1371



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MMS	Erroneous Payments	Management Excellence	A review of all programs and activities was made to identify those which may be susceptible to significant erroneous payments in accordance with the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 (PL 107-300). A review of MMS disbursements between June 1, 2005, and March 30, 2006, was performed to identify duplicate payments and provide reasonable assurance that no uncollected duplicate payment existed. This review was also designed to determine the effectiveness of the internal controls over the disbursement process and provide reasonable assurance that accounting data was reliable.	This review identified no control weaknesses or corrective actions. No material weaknesses were identified.	Robin Robinson, 703-787-1302
MMS	MMS IT Systems	Management Excellence	As required by the Federal Information Security Management Act, a review was done of the security controls on the following five MMS IT Systems: MMS Wide Area Network, Advanced Budget/Accounting Control and Information System, Technical Information Management System, MRM Support System, and Outer Continental Shelf Connect.	The MMS Chief Information Officer certified that no material weaknesses exist for the bureau General Support System and Major Applications.	Nick Cusimano, Program Manager, 1201 Elmwood Pkwy, Metairie, LA, 504-416-2421
MMS	Negotiated Settlements	Resource Use	Analyzed the negotiated settlement process to provide reasonable assurance that the process was functioning effectively, efficiently, and as designed. The team: (1) reviewed process documentation, (2) identified and tested management controls within the process, and (3) reviewed sample settlement cases.	This review identified three control weaknesses and corrective actions. No material weaknesses were identified.	John Price, Chief, Office of Enforcement, Denver, CO, 303-231-3749
MMS	Information Management	Resource Use	Analyzed the information management process to provide reasonable assurance that the process was functioning as designed. This effort included the: (1) evaluation of the new automated methodology for retrieving statistical information developed by the PMO, (2) current policies used to ensure control of information management, (3) structural methodology used to distribute information to external parties, (4) review of the process documentation, and (5) review of sample information distributed to external parties.	This review identified 7 control weaknesses and 13 corrective actions. No material weaknesses were identified.	Deborah Briggs, Senior Project Manager, Denver, CO, 303-231-3397
MMS	Financial Management System's Data Edits	Resource Use	Analyzed the financial management system's data edits to provide reasonable assurance that the edits did not adversely affect the MRM's financial and other processes. The effort included the review of: (1) process documentation, and (2) sample information passing through the system.	This review identified 9 control weaknesses and 20 corrective actions. No material weaknesses were identified.	Lorraine Corona, Manager, Reporting Services Denver, CO, 303-231-3671

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MMS	Bowhead Whale Aerial Survey Project	Resource Use	Assessed the management controls and evaluation procedures in place for the in-house study Bowhead Whale Aerial Survey Study Program and identified weaknesses or inadequacies in the Program. This effort identified and evaluated the (1) policies and procedures in place for assessing CFR Ch. II Subpart M, § 256.82 to allow MMS to assess the critical use/application of the information, the effective flow of information to stakeholders, and the appropriateness of the Program design, and (2) existing management controls for Program oversight.	This review identified five control weaknesses and corrective actions. No material weaknesses were identified.  Best Practice: Project using best aviation safety practices available.	Cheri Hunter, Chief, Planning, Budget, and International Affairs, 381 Elden Street, MS 4001, Herndon, VA 703-787-1681
MMS	Cost Recovery Fee Collection	Resource Use	Evaluation was done to determine if the MMS cost recovery fee process and procedures met the internal control requirements of OMB Circular A-123 (revised) which requires documentation and assessment of controls.	This review identified two control weaknesses and corrective actions. No material weaknesses were identified.  Best Practice: Use of PAY.GOV to collect cost recovery fees.	Cheri Hunter, Chief, Planning, Budget, and International Affairs, 381 Elden Street, MS 4001, Herndon, VA, 703-787-1681
MMS	Oil Spill Response for Major Spills	Resource Use	MMS evaluated if industry oil spill response processes were in accordance with the Oil Spill Response Plan (OSRP) for the covered facility. MMS determined (1) if there were adequate and effective internal controls for these processes, (2) if the controls were adhered to and proper documentation was produced, and (3) if the OSRP should be modified based on the evaluation's findings.	This review identified nine control weaknesses and corrective actions. No material weaknesses were identified.  Best Practice: Deploying an MMS representative to an operator's command center during an actual oil spill response.	Cheri Hunter, Chief, Planning, Budget, and International Affairs, 381 Elden Street, MS 4001, Herndon, VA, 703-787-1681
NPS	U.S. Park Police	Serving Communities	The program was assessed for Budget Year 2008 using PART. Once recommendations for programmatic improvement are final, an action plan to implement those improvements will be developed.	Awaiting OMB's recommendations; anticipated by February 2007.	www.expectmore.gov
NPS	Financial Management		A comprehensive review of internal controls surrounding financial reporting was conducted during FY 2006. Key controls in the business processes affecting financial reporting were identified and tested. Corrective action plans were developed for all control weaknesses discovered, and these plans will be monitored to completion.	Sixty-four internal control weaknesses were identified. A corrective action plan exists for each weakness.	Jack Blickley, Accounting Operations Center, Jack_Blickley@nps.gov, 703-487-9071

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NPS	Financial Management		Internal audits of government charge cards were conducted at almost 250 locations throughout the Service. Charge card holders were given immediate feedback on the results of the audits. Charge card holders privileges were suspended where egregious or repeated problems were discovered.	Policies and procedures were updated	Jack Blickley, Accounting Operations Center, Jack_Blickley@nps.gov, 703-487-9071
NPS	Financial Management		The National Park Service identified the types of payments it makes and evaluated the risks of those payments being erroneous, improper, or otherwise incorrect. The NPS used the same criteria for improper payments as defined in the Improper Payments Information Act and Office of Management and Budget guidance. The NPS then assessed the risk of each type of payment for improper payments and applied that risk to its programs, using the same program criteria used by all of Department of the Interior Bureaus. The risk assessment showed that four programs (representing 96 percent of NPS expenditures) had a low risk for improper payments, and the remaining program had a moderate risk, but that existing controls and processes would prevent or detect such payments.	A report was filed with the Department of the Interior	Jack Blickley, Accounting Operations Center, Jack_Blickley@nps.gov, 703-487-9071
NPS	Property Management		A review of management practices concerning the Service's vehicle fleet and other real and personal property was conducted at 25% of NPS' facilities in FY 2006. Corrective actions taken as a result of the review include issuance of updated policy and procedural guidance and development of web-based training courses.	Corrective actions are being implemented	Ernestine Armstrong, Property Officer, Ernestine_Armstrong@nps.gov, 202-354-1958
OSM	Federal Programs	Resource Use	AICR conducted to evaluate the compliance of the Knoxville Field Office's bond release program with Section 519 of SMCRA and with 30 CFR 800.40	No material weaknesses identified. Improvements were recommended and are being implemented.	Brent Wahlquist, Regional Director, Appalachian Region, bwahlquist@osmre.gov, 412-937-2828
OSM	Indian Lands Program	Resource Use	ICR conducted to assess controls for permitting, inspection and enforcements, and bond release of mining operations; and the administration of the grant funding for the Indian Lands Program.	No material weaknesses identified. Improvements were recommended and are being implemented.	Allen Klein, Regional Director, Western Region, aklein@osmre.gov, 303-844-1400 x1401
OSM	Federal Managed Regulation of Surface Coal Mining (Abbreviated Reassessment)	Resource Use	The program was assessed for Budget Year 2008 using PART. Once recommendations for programmatic improvement are final, an action plan to implement those improvements will be developed.	Awaiting OMB's recommendations; anticipated by February 2007.	www.expectmore.gov
OSM	State Managed Regulation of Surface Coal Mining	Resource Use	The program was assessed for Budget Year 2008 using PART. Once recommendations for programmatic improvement are final, an action plan to implement those improvements will be developed.	Awaiting OMB's recommendations; anticipated by February 2007.	www.expectmore.gov

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OSM	Sensitive Automated Information Systems	Management Excellence	AICR conducted to certify that all prescribed controls or alternative controls are in place and effective for systems in each Region, Denver Financial Management, and Headquarters.	No material weaknesses identified. Improvements were recommended and are being implemented.	Eldrich Frazier, Chief Information Office, <a href="mailto:efrazier@osmre.gov">efrazier@osmre.gov</a> , 202-208-2919
OSM	Personal Property Management	Management Excellence	AICR conducted to evaluate the Appalachian Region's Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Johnstown and Wilkes-Barre offices and the Mid-Continent Region's offices compliance with Federal Management Regulations, DOI Regulations and OSM Directives.	No material weaknesses identified. Improvements were recommended and are being implemented.	Theodore Woronka, Assistant Director, Finance & Administration, <a href="mailto:tworonka@osmre.gov">tworonka@osmre.gov</a> , 202-208-2546
USGS	Beyond Mapping: Meeting National Needs Through Enhanced Geographic Information Science	Serving Communities	Rapidly changing mapping technologies are nearly outpacing the workforce skills of government mapping agencies. As the Nation's civilian mapping agency, USGS recognized the strategic and societal implications of increased demand for geospatial information. USGS turned to the National Research Council (NRC) to help assess its future programmatic needs for a well educated GIScience workforce.	The Geospatial Information Office (GIO) is considering the strategic implications of the National Research Council (NRC) recommendations with respect to the USGS mission on sound science and in particular GIScience (geographic information systems, data management techniques, visualization, remote sensing, and spatial statistics and modeling).	Steve Guptill (703) 648-4520
USGS	Cost Benefit Analysis of Water Resource Discipline Streamgaging Program	Serving Communities	The United States Geological Survey (USGS) developed the National Streamflow Information Program (NSIP) to plan for future streamgaging activities. The purpose of the evaluation was to: 1) Identify and describe the range of tangible and intangible benefits of the USGS streamgaging network, and 2) Estimate the probable tangible benefits of the network, thus permitting a comparison of economic benefit to cost.	The National Hydrologic Warning Council (NHWC) has completed their cost benefit study and prepared two reports "Benefits of USGS Streamgaging" is available on line at: <a href="http://nhwc.udfd.org/PDF/nhwc_nsip_phaseA.pdf">http://nhwc.udfd.org/PDF/nhwc_nsip_phaseA.pdf</a> . The second report a more quantitative benefit analysis compares those benefits to the costs of the program. That report was released publicly by NHWC on Oct 23 at the Southwestern Association of ALERT systems conference. At that time, the recommendations will be reviewed and discussed for potential action.	Steve Blanchard (703) 648-5629

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USGS	USGS Cooperative Water Program	Serving Communities	Assess the effectiveness of the USGS in addressing the recommendations of the 1999 external Cooperative Program review Task Force, and continued actions to be taken by the USGS to more fully implement the recommendations of the 1999 report.	The Advisory Committee on Water Information (ACWI) external review of the Cooperative Water Program is complete and is posted on the Internet. To see the Task Force report and the USGS response, visit: <a href="http://acwi.gov/coop2004/">http://acwi.gov/coop2004/</a> and click on the links under "Reports." To date, USGS has adopted 48 of the 59 recommendations from the report.	Ward Staubitz (703) 648-5061
USGS	Panel Report to USGS on Digital Orthoimagery	Serving Communities	USGS is a prominent partner with other Federal agencies and the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC) in a business plan, Imagery for the Nation (IFTN), for sustainable acquisition, maintenance, and dissemination of orthoimagery and elevation data on a national basis. The American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS) Panel on Digital Orthoimagery was chartered to examine the status and forecast the future of orthoimage technology, to describe how such technology will affect current and future orthoimage programs, and to make recommendations based on these predictions.	Report recommendations included: (1) a strong program supporting the acquisition, maintenance and distribution of orthoimagery for the Nation; (2) reinvigorated program leadership by USGS; (3) greater support for clearing-house functions and standards; and (4) establishment of an archive of last resort for these "invaluable data." In 2007, a cost benefit analysis will be undertaken to predict the benefits of IFTN to stakeholders and to quantify costs. The FGDC is strengthening orthoimagery and elevation data standards to achieve national and international acceptance. Working with the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), the USGS Earth Resources Observation and Science Data Center is in the midst of being NARA-certified as a national archive for geospatial data.	William Carswell (703) 648-4140

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USGS	Coastal and Marine Geology	Resource Use	The program was assessed for Budget Year 2008 using PART. Once recommendations for programmatic improvement are final, an action plan to implement those improvements will be developed.	Awaiting OMB's recommendations; anticipated by February 2007.	www.expectmore.gov
USGS	Vulnerability and Risk Analysis for Decision Making	Serving Communities	Assess the need for a national strategy on effectively using vulnerability assessments and risk analyses for decision making by community planners and emergency managers.	The American Association of Geographers (AAG) panel highlighted the concept of a national strategy and the need for developing a coherent research agenda to provide direction in establishing a framework. The USGS is partnering with the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, and the AAG to begin development of the research agenda with the collaboration of key academic, government, and private sector leaders.	Carl Shapiro (703) 648-4446