## OSM to Hold Teleconference Briefing on Proposed FY 2013 Budget

(Washington, D.C.) – The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) will hold a teleconference on February 14 for interested parties to learn more about President Obama's proposed Fiscal Year 2013 budget for OSM.

The proposed budget will provide for strengthened compliance with the Surface Mining Reclamation and Control Act (SMCRA) and increase funding to reclaim abandoned mine sites, among other things.

The teleconference will begin at 1:00 p.m. Eastern time. To join the call, please dial 888-282-9639 and use the passcode 4829190.

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The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement carries out the requirements of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 in cooperation with states and tribes. OSM'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.