



# News Advisory

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement  
Washington, D.C.

## Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement Issues Second Call for Nominations for Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation

The [Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement](#) (OSM) is issuing a second call for nominations for the bureau's 2012 Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Awards.

Abandoned Mine Land projects funded wholly or in part and completed by approved state or tribal programs are eligible for an award. This includes all types of reclamation, including coal, non-coal, high-priority, and emergency projects. Abandoned mine reclamation completed by citizen groups or other non-state/nontribal organizations are not eligible for these awards. One project may be submitted by each state or tribal program each year.

State and tribal Abandoned Mine Land programs must provide nominations directly to OSM Headquarters in Washington, D.C., by March 30, 2012. For details of the submission format, please visit the [award program web page](#). Nominations and questions about the awards should be e-mailed to [Peter Mali](#) or [Cynthia Johnson](#).

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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.*