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Office of Surface Mining Reclamation & Enforcement (OSM)**

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General Information: OSM was created in 1977 as the result of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA). SMCRA was enacted to provide national requirements for protecting the environment during coal mining and making sure the land is reclaimed after the coal is removed. SMCRA also provides for the reclamation and restoration of abandoned mine lands and water resources affected by coal mining activities conducted prior to the passage of the Act.

OSM provides immediate emergency response when there is a severe threat to health and safety. An emergency exists when there is danger to public health and safety or general welfare and no other person or agency will act expeditiously to restore, abate, control and prevent the adverse effects from past mining practices.

OSM's National Mine Map Repository is located at the Appalachian Regional Coordinating Center and is responsible for collecting, inventorying and processing mine maps from across the United States.

Small Business
Assistance:

OSM attends local trade shows, the monthly scheduled Minority Business Opportunity Committee meetings, conferences and other scheduled events provided by the Small Business Administration and the Commonwealth of PA. OSM is always looking for potential contractors, including those in the small business community, to perform the emergency abatement work and qualified inspectors to oversee and to ensure the

specifications are being carried out accordingly, with an emphasis on earthwork; drilling and grouting, backfilling, excavating, gabions, piling wall, refuse and mine fires. OSM also looks for vendors who can provide goods and services in areas of computers, office supplies, architectural and engineering services, surveying and pipe cleaning.

Other Business

Assistance:

OSM's National Mine Map Repository provides mining information to realtors, landowners, consultants, engineering firms, government agencies, mining industry, architectural firms, law enforcement agencies and utility companies. The National Mine Map Repository accepts visitors from 8:00am to 3:00pm, by appointment only, Monday through Thursday.

Assistance to Schools

and Community:

Upon request, the National Mine Map Repository staff provides mining information and mine maps to local educational facilities and meets with community groups to educate the public on the dangers of potential mine subsidence.