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President Proposes \$129 Million FY 2018 Budget for OSMRE *Budget Increases Efficiencies, Supports Energy Production, Reduces Regulatory Burdens*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – President Donald Trump today proposed a \$129 million Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18) budget for the [Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement](http://www.osmre.gov) (OSMRE). The budget removes regulatory barriers to responsibly develop coal on federal and Tribal land in the United States, helps reduce the Federal deficit, and will provide a sustainable path for coal mining while protecting people and the environment. The bureau budget helps put the federal government on track to a balanced budget by 2027.

“The President's plan for the FY2018 OSMRE budget puts the federal government on track for a balanced budget while prioritizing the services and the energy resources the American people need,” said Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke. “This proposed budget for OSMRE is an example of our pursuit of that strategy. OSMRE will work with its State and Tribal partners to achieve its mission, and we will do so at the lowest cost possible to taxpayers. This is a strong first step in the right direction.”

The FY18 OSMRE budget proposal saves taxpayers approximately \$111 million. This includes decreasing the Bureau's Regulation and Technology budget by approximately \$13.6 million. The President's FY18 budget proposal also ensures that reclamation of abandoned mine lands will continue in a fiscally responsible manner, reducing spending on certain programmatic functions by \$7.5 million and eliminating the \$89.9 million Abandoned Mine Land Economic Development Pilot program.

OSMRE's proposed budget achieves the Administration's goals by ensuring appropriate regulation at American coal mines, high quality reclamation, and expeditious returns of mined land to effective post-mining land use. See OSMRE's proposed FY18 budget [here](#).

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Follow the bureau on Twitter at www.twitter.com/OSMRE or visit www.osmre.gov. OSMRE carries out the requirements of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act in cooperation with States and Tribes. The bureau'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 pursuing reclamation of abandoned coal mines.

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