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Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement Announces Over \$68 Million in Regulatory Grants for State and Tribal Coal Mining Programs

Washington, D.C. – The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) announced today the availability of more than \$68 million in grants to help eligible states and tribes operate their surface coal mining regulatory programs.

The \$8 million increase from the previous fiscal year represents an ongoing trend in which OSM has increased the funding to states and tribes to administer their surface mining regulatory programs.

“This year’s increased funding provides the states and the tribes with resources to protect human health, safety, and the environment,” said OSM Deputy Director Glenda Owens. “The funding will also provide stable, well-paying jobs for coal-producing states and tribes,” Owens added.

States and tribes receive grants to establish and administer regulatory programs on non-Federal lands on a 50/50 match basis. If a state or tribe elects to administer an approved regulatory program on Federal lands, OSM will reimburse the state for up to 100 percent of the costs incurred. The primary use of these grants is to protect the welfare and health of the citizens and the environment during coal mining. Recipients use the funds for permitting, inspection and enforcement.

The list below shows the dollar amount available to the eligible coal-producing states and tribes for Fiscal Year 2010.

Alabama	1,313,950	Missouri	221,664
Alaska	262,085	Montana	1,440,101
Arkansas	156,703	New Mexico	884,000
Colorado	2,301,561	North Dakota	798,774
Illinois	3,403,563	Ohio	3,200,000
Indiana	1,964,389	Oklahoma	1,082,511
Iowa	74,953	Pennsylvania	12,599,014
Kansas	113,933	Texas	1,977,402
Kentucky	13,337,359	Utah	2,089,397
Louisiana	168,095	Virginia	3,999,941
Maryland	713,664	West Virginia	11,929,525
Mississippi	159,863	Wyoming	2,300,571

Crow Tribe	350,000	Reserve for Tribal Primacy	500,000
Hopi Tribe	390,182		
Navajo Nation	910,000	TOTAL	\$68, 243,200

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.

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