



Nomination Form

Excellence in Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Awards

Nominee Contact Information:

Company name		Name of Operation	
Location of Nominee Operation			
Permit Number			

Award Category: (Operations may be submitted for both categories)

Date Submitted: (D/M/Y)

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National Award

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Good Neighbor

Award Company Contact Information:

Company contact name		Email	
Address			
Phone			

Person Submitting Nomination/email: (If different from above)

Nominator's Contact Information:

Address	
Phone	

Names/titles of individuals responsible for reclamation at nominated site:

Important information on required narrative, photo and video content on next page. For more information on the nomination process, visit <https://www.osmre.gov/programs/regulating-active-coal-mines/active-mine-awards>

Winning photos and video submitted are subject to use by OSMRE.

REQUIRED SUBMISSIONS FOR ALL AWARD CATEGORIES

Electronic Submission Package

- Project description using supplied Adobe PDF fillable form
- Project narrative (not to exceed six single-spaced pages)
- Photos, video and all data may not exceed 32 GB total.

Photo Submission Package

- Separate JPGs of all photos, 3-5 megapixels
(Nominations may include photos in the project description pdf file, however, nominees must send a separate JPG for each photo.)
- Before-and-after sequences and all key features

Video Submission

Raw, unedited video for each submission should include:

- Before/after video of the site, beauty shots, shots of innovations created
- Video of the work while it is performed
- Video of the products or services that resulted from the restoration/reclamation
- On-camera interviews with people affected
- On-camera interviews with people who did the work
- On-camera interviews with people who benefited from the work
- Horizontal (widescreen) shots only

Video Format

- HD video
- Ambient sound only with no narration, music or graphics
- No visible time codes
- No date stamps

See examples of previous winner videos at OSMRE's YouTube site: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCV5JfFNp0fW0k5FZKOYIkha/videos>

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National Award Nomination

National Award nominations should include a narrative description and supporting documentation of an achievement in a specific aspect of reclamation, a novel technique with proven effectiveness or exemplary performance in meeting goals of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act.

The National Award narrative, not to exceed six single-spaced pages, should describe the specific activity for which the mining operation is nominated. All nominated work must be attributed to the nominated company. Only one mining permit may be nominated for an award. Efforts of the nominated company or parent company of multiple mining permits will not be considered in the judging process. The nominated activity must have been performed within the past five years. The narrative must include:

- Brief summary of the mining and reclamation project.
- Description of the nominated activity or reclamation practice, including specific problems, solutions, and unusual circumstances.
- On-site effectiveness of the work. This should be documented and quantified with data.
- Transferability or value of the accomplishment(s) to other mining and reclamation operations.
- Long-term benefits to the landowner and local or regional community.

Good Neighbor Award Nomination

The Good Neighbor Award nomination includes a narrative description and supporting documentation of efforts taken by the mine operator to successfully work with the surrounding landowners and efforts to enhance the community while completing mining and reclamation.

The Good Neighbor Award narrative should describe the specific activity the mining operation is nominated for (not to exceed six single-spaced pages). Any nominated work must be attributed to the nominated company. Only one mining permit may be nominated for an award. Efforts of the nominated company or parent company of multiple mining permits will not be considered in the judging process. *Efforts of individual employees will not be considered in the judging process unless the nominated activity was carried out during normal working hours.* The nominated activity must have been performed within the past three years. The narrative must include:

- A brief summary of the mining, reclamation, or community project.
- Examples of increased public awareness of SMCRA due to actions taken by the operator.
- Long-term benefits to the landowner, and the local or regional community.
- Efforts taken by the operator that exceed the spirit and intent of SMCRA.