

Call For Nominations

2015 Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Awards

OSMRE first recognized outstanding abandoned mine land reclamation and exemplary reclamation techniques in 1992, when it started the annual Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Awards Program. The program mirrors one of the objectives of the Surface Mining Law: to ensure that land mined for coal would be restored to beneficial use as part of the mining process, and that lands abandoned without reclamation prior to the law would be reclaimed.

Award Eligibility

Abandoned Mine Land projects funded wholly or in part and completed by approved state or tribal programs are eligible for an award, 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. OSMRE has traditionally given five awards: one national award, one national award for small projects (restricted to projects receiving less than \$1 million in a state or tribe that receives less than \$6 million annually in AML funding), and one award in each of OSMRE's three regions. Any entry is eligible for the national award.



Nominations Due

April 24, 2015

State and tribal Abandoned Mine Land Programs must provide nominations directly to OSMRE Headquarters in Washington, D.C., by **April 24, 2015**.

Nominations and questions about the awards should be e-mailed to: pmali@osmre.gov or cjohnson@osmre.gov

For more information:

<http://www.osmre.gov/programs/awards/AMLAwards.shtm>

2010 Abandoned Mine Land Award Winner

Crellin Elementary School, Garrett County, Maryland
Environmental Remediation And Education Project



Crellin Elementary School students sing at the dedication of an amphitheatre built on a reclaimed AML site.

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