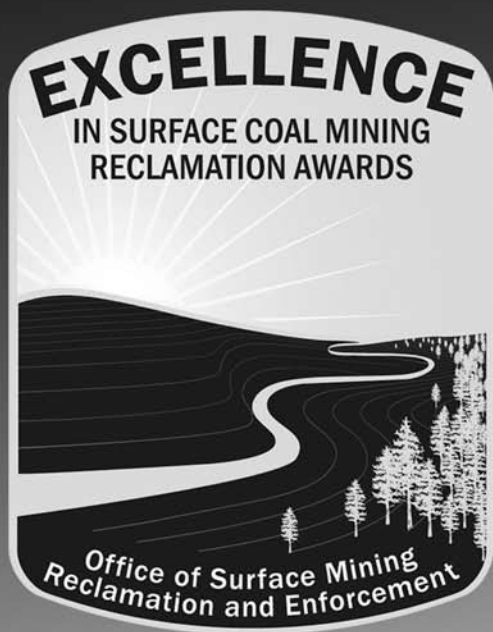


Call For Nominations 2015



The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement gives these awards for developing innovative reclamation techniques that result in outstanding on-the-ground performance.

The awards program promotes the transfer of outstanding reclamation methods and techniques that exceed the minimum standards required by the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. For more information, visit www.osmre.gov.

2015 Excellence in Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Awards

Nominations for an Award

Coal companies, regulatory authorities, state or Federal mine inspectors, interest groups, or landowners may submit nominations. Companies may nominate their own operations.

National Awards

A coal mining operation may be nominated for achievement in a specific aspect of reclamation, or for overall performance in meeting goals of the Surface Mining Law. All nominations should demonstrate on-the-ground results.

Good Neighbor Awards

Good Neighbor Awards are given to mine operators that complete exemplary mining and reclamation activities at a specific mine while respecting property rights and protecting land values of surrounding land owners, preventing offsite impacts, enhancing a community's quality of life, and providing environmental protection beyond the minimum required by law, among other things. Nominations should describe the mining and reclamation operation, and include testimonials demonstrating a successful good neighbor policy.

Award Eligibility

Surface coal mining and reclamation operations conducted under a Title V permit may be nominated. In addition, non-permitted mining and reclamation projects completed using Government Financial Reclamation Contracts under the Enhanced Abandoned Mine Land regulations are also eligible for nomination. Abandoned Mine Land reclamation projects carried out exclusive of active mining are not included in this program. AML projects are eligible for a National Award if they are integrated with Title V permitted operations.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.osmre.gov/programs/awards/ActiveMineAwards.shtml>

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