

Nomination Form

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Excellence in Surface Coal
Mining Reclamation Awards

2021



Company Name:

Name/location of nominee operation:

Permit Number:

Award Category

(Operations may be submitted for both categories)

National Award

Good Neighbor Award

Company Contact Name/email:

Company Contact Address/phone

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

Nominator's 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, see

www.osmre.gov/programs/awards/ActiveMineAwards.shtm

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 megapixel (3MP) in size or larger (Nominations may include photos in the project description pdf file, nominees must send a separate jpg for each photo.)
- Photos should include before-and-after sequences and all key features

Video Submission:

Raw, unedited video for each submission should include:

- cell phone video is acceptable
- all video should be shot horizontally (widescreen), not vertically
- 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

Video Format:

- HD Video
- ambient sound only with no narration, music or graphics
- no visible time codes
- no date stamps

See examples of previous winners videos at OSMRE's YouTube site:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCV5JfFNp0fW0k5FZK0YIkhA/videos>

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National Award Nomination

National Award nominations should include a narrative description and supporting documentation of a specific 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 (SMCRA).

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 5 years. The narrative must include:

- A brief summary of the mining and reclamation project, which should include a description of the nominated activity or reclamation practice, including the difficulty of the project and its effectiveness.
- Examples of creativity or ingenuity.
- Ways in which the technique or practice performed is transferrable to other mining permits.
- Efforts taken by the operator that exceed the spirit and intent of SMCRA.

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 land owners 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 3 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.

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement

OSMRE is collecting this information to give public recognition to the nation's most outstanding achievement in environmentally sound surface mining and land reclamation, and to encourage the exchange and transfer of successful reclamation technology. The obligation to respond is voluntary.

Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 88 hours per response,

including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the submission.

Direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Mailstop 4526, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20240.

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