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OSM AWARDS WEST VIRGINIA \$854,154 GRANT

FOR ABANDONED MINE LANDS PROJECTS

The Interior Department's Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) announced today that West has been awarded an additional \$854,154 grant to fund abandoned mine lands (AML) reclamation projects at sites throughout the state.

Funds for AML grants come from fees paid by coal producers at the rate of 35 cents per ton of surface mined coal and 15 cents per ton of coal mined underground.

The \$854,154 grant announced today brings to more than \$238.2 million the amount OSM has provided to West Virginia for AML reclamation projects.

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