

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between The

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

And The

U.S. Geological Survey

Interagency Committee for Program Coordination

This revised Memorandum of Understanding replaces the original MOU signed on August 25, 1983, by Doyle G. Frederick, Acting Director of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and on September 8, 1983, by J.D. Harris, former Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE).

It is in the national interest that related program responsibilities of the OSMRE and the USGS be closely coordinated and mutually supportive. Accordingly, there is hereby established an OSMRE/USGS Interagency Committee for Program Coordination.

The Committee will have the authority to establish working groups to undertake studies of interagency issues and to make decisions within its areas of responsibilities.

The Committee will be jointly chaired by the respective Directors of OSMRE and the USGS. The Committee will meet at least once every 6 months, but more often if necessary to resolve specific problems, or to initiate research activities.

The primary responsibility of the Committee will be to coordinate related programs and research within the full range of interface between the two Bureaus. These include, but are not necessarily restricted to, programs involving the following activities.

- (1) Water monitoring and hydrologic studies.
- (2) Geologic and other thematic mapping and engineering geology.
- (3) Coal and rock geochemistry.
- (4) Mapping, cartography, remote sensing, and Geographic Information Systems.
- (5) Data and information management.
- (6) Environmental and economic data and other special studies.
- (7) Research coordination.

The Committee will also provide for exchange of program and budget information during the preparation stage.

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