

THE IDAHO OFFICE OF ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES

STRATEGIC PLAN 2021-2024

INTRODUCTION:

The Idaho Office of Energy and Mineral Resources (OEMR) was created by Executive Order 2016-03 on October 18, 2016. Organizationally, the OEMR is located within the Executive Office of the Governor.

MISSION:

The OEMR coordinates energy and mineral planning and policy development for the State of Idaho, enabling the State to promote the efficient use of its resources, enhance the economy, and sustain the quality of life for its citizens.

The duties, powers, and authorities of the OEMR include advising the Governor and elected officials, serving as Idaho's first point of contact for energy and mineral resources, and coordinating with federal, state, and local jurisdictions on issues concerning the State's energy and mineral resources.

KEY EXTERNAL FACTORS:

- Federal legislation and regulations may significantly impact the operations of the OEMR including additions or reductions in federal program mandates.
- Federal, state, and regional issues require constant monitoring, evaluation, and coordination with Idaho's energy and mineral stakeholders.
- Increases in federal mineral permitting activities have substantially expanded the OEMR's workload.
- The OEMR is primarily dependent upon federal funds for the resources necessary to fulfill its energy responsibilities.

GOAL 1: Coordinate Energy Planning and Policy Development in Idaho

OBJECTIVE 1: Coordinate and monitor energy policy, planning, and analysis

STRATEGIES:

- Assist the Idaho Legislature in updating the Idaho State Energy Plan.
- Function as a Cooperating Agency and represent the State of Idaho on all federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) processes related to energy.
- Coordinate and facilitate the development of Idaho's response to all federal and regional energy documents, issues, and processes.
- Participate in regional transmission planning, emergency preparedness, utility Integrated Resource Planning, alternative transportation fuel discussions, and energy efficiency education.

OBJECTIVE 2: Participate in regional and national energy policy forums and processes

STRATEGIES:

- Participate on the DOE State Energy Advisory Board.
- Participate in the Western Governors' Association energy policy processes.
- Participate on the Western Interstate Energy Board.
- Participate with the NorthernGrid Regional Transmission Planning Association
- Participate on the National Association of State Energy Officials Board of Directors.
- Participate on the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance Board of Directors.

- Participate on the Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation.
- Participate on the Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body.
- Participate on the National Council on Electricity Policy Executive Committee.

GOAL 2: Provide a Single Point of Contact for Energy Information

OBJECTIVE 1: Serve as Idaho's clearinghouse for energy information

STRATEGIES:

- Respond to all energy related inquiries from the public, legislators, other elected officials, and stakeholders through direct contact and the OEMR website.
- Communicate affordable, sustainable energy options in Idaho through presentations given to the Idaho legislature, K-12 classes, college classes, service organizations, and local energy conferences.
- Provide information regarding energy issues including energy efficiency, conservation, traditional and renewable energy, and transportation fuels.
- Maintain the OEMR website to provide timely and accurate information on energy related issues.
- Update and distribute an Idaho Energy Landscape document annually.
- Administer the Idaho Awards for Leadership in Energy Efficiency.

OBJECTIVE 2: Coordinate and support the Idaho Strategic Energy Alliance

STRATEGIES:

- Provide staff support to the Idaho State Energy Alliance (ISEA) Board of Directors.
- Update the ISEA publications.
- Coordinate the ISEA Board and Executive Committee meetings and facilitate development of ISEA reports.

GOAL 3: Coordinate Energy Related Projects that Benefit Idaho

OBJECTIVE 1: Administer financial programs related to energy

STRATEGIES:

- Administer the State Energy Loan Program.
- Facilitate energy efficiency audits and cost-share retrofits for eligible public buildings through the Government Leading by Example program.

GOAL 4: Coordinate Mineral Planning and Policy Development in Idaho

OBJECTIVE 1: Coordinate and monitor mineral planning, policy, and analysis

STRATEGIES:

- Function as a Cooperating Agency and represent the State of Idaho on federal NEPA processes related to minerals.
- Participate in regional and national mineral policy discussions and forums including interaction with legislative committees, elected officials, stakeholders, the public, and state and federal agencies.
- Coordinate and facilitate the development of Idaho's response to all federal legislative, regulatory, and judicial issues regarding minerals.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

GOAL 1: Coordinate Energy Planning and Policy Development in Idaho

- **Measure 1**

Participate in national and regional energy planning and policy development processes.
Benchmark: *100 total meetings, conference calls, webinars, and forums per year*

- **Measure 2**

Present energy information to the Idaho Legislature and other elected officials.
Benchmark: *5 presentations per year*

- **Measure 3**

Coordinate the development of Idaho's responses to regional planning efforts and federal rulemaking processes.
Benchmark: *5 responses per year*

GOAL 2: Provide a Single Point of Contact for Energy Information

- **Measure 1**

Coordinate and develop communications including outreach to the public, media contacts, press releases, website updates and other related projects.
Benchmark: *40 updates per year*

- **Measure 2**

Coordinate and staff ISEA Task Force and Board meetings.
Benchmark: *10 conference calls and meetings per year*

GOAL 3: Coordinate Energy Related Projects that Benefit Idaho

- **Measure 1**

Provide energy efficiency and renewable energy loans to qualified Idaho residents and businesses.
Benchmark: *12 loans issued per year with each loan application processed within 5 business days*

- **Measure 2**

Provide funding for energy efficiency audits in public buildings and cost-share funding for cost-effective energy efficiency retrofits in public buildings.
Benchmark: *8 energy efficiency audits and 4 cost-share retrofits/upgrades on public buildings per year*

GOAL 4: Coordinate Mineral Planning and Policy Development in Idaho

- **Measure 1**

Coordinate the development of Idaho's responses to federal mineral NEPA documents and regulations.
Benchmark: *15 responses per year*

- **Measure 2**

Participate in regional and national mineral policy discussions and forums.
Benchmark: *10 meetings and forums per year*

ADDENDUMS:

Adoption of the NIST Cybersecurity Framework and Implementation of CIS Critical Security Controls 1–5.

As a technology customer of the Office of Information Technology Services (ITS) in the Governor's Office, we are using the cybersecurity systems and technical expertise in ITS to fulfill requirements related to Executive Order 2017-02. Staff from ITS were briefed on the NIST Core Framework, CIS Controls 1-5, and their plan for adoption of the NIST Cybersecurity Framework. We participate in DHR and ITS administered cybersecurity training, as awareness is a critical component of an effective cybersecurity program. As briefed by ITS staff, implementation of the CIS Controls 1-5 will be their responsibility for the systems they operate and, as technological tools applied to the computer systems, largely invisible to us as a customer. ITS, working through the multi-agency Incident Response Task Force, has developed an Incident Response Program in support of our agency.

Adoption of the Red Tape Reduction Act (Executive Order 2019-02)

The Idaho Office of Energy and Mineral Resources is not authorized to promulgate administrative rules.