

THE IDAHO OFFICE OF ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES

STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2025

INTRODUCTION:

The Idaho Office of Energy and Mineral Resources (OEMR) was created by Executive Order 2016-03 and continued by 2020-17 on October 19, 2020. 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 and state agencies, and local jurisdictions on issues concerning the State's energy and mineral resources.

KEY EXTERNAL FACTORS:

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

GOAL 1: Provide a Single Point of Contact for Energy Information

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

STRATEGIES:

- Provide information and respond to requests regarding energy issues including energy efficiency, conservation, traditional and renewable energy, and transportation fuels from the public, legislators, elected officials, and stakeholders through direct contact and providing timely and accurate information on 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.
- Update and distribute an Idaho Energy Landscape document annually.

OBJECTIVE 2: Coordinate and support the Idaho Strategic Energy Alliance

STRATEGIES:

- Provide staff support to the Idaho State Energy Alliance (ISEA) Board of Directors.
- Coordinate the ISEA Board and Executive Committee meetings and facilitate development of ISEA publications.
- Administer the Idaho Awards for Leadership in Energy Efficiency.

GOAL 2: Facilitate Energy Planning, Policy, and Project Development in Idaho

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

STRATEGIES:

- Assist the Idaho Legislature in updating the Idaho State Energy Plan as requested.
- Serve as the Lead Cooperating Agency and represent the State of Idaho during 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 legislative, regulatory, and judicial energy processes.
- Participate in regional energy processes such as transmission planning, electric market expansion, emergency preparedness, utility Integrated Resource Planning, alternative transportation fuel discussions, and energy efficiency education.

OBJECTIVE 2: Coordinate, monitor, and participate in energy assurance and emergency management activities

STRATEGIES:

- Assist the Idaho Office of Emergency Management (IOEM) in emergency management planning activities and serve as the Idaho Emergency Support Function (ID-ESF) #12 Primary Agency.
- Coordinate with the IOEM, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, and utilities for energy assurance documents and processes.
- Participate in federal and regional emergency management planning activities.
- Participate in federal and regional energy assurance activities and planning development processes.

OBJECTIVE 3: Participate in regional and national energy policy forums and processes

STRATEGIES:

- Participate on the Department of Energy (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 3: Administer Energy-Related Programs 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.
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GOAL 4: Coordinate Mineral Planning, Policy, and Project Development in Idaho

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

STRATEGIES:

- Function as Lead 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 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 and regional legislative, regulatory, and judicial mineral documents, issues, and processes.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

GOAL 1: 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: *15 meetings per year*

GOAL 2: Facilitate Energy Planning, Policy, and Project Development in Idaho

• Measure 1

Present energy information to the Idaho Legislature and other elected officials.

Benchmark: *8 presentations per year*

• Measure 2

Coordinate Idaho's participation in regional energy planning efforts, federal energy projects, and federal rulemaking processes.

Benchmark: *10 projects per year*

• Measure 3

Coordinate Idaho's responses to regional planning efforts, federal documents, and federal rulemaking processes.

Benchmark: *25 responses per year*

• Measure 4

Participate in state, regional, and national energy and energy-related emergency management planning and policy development processes.

Benchmark: *120 total meetings, conference calls, webinars, and forums per year*

GOAL 3: Administer Energy-Related Projects that Benefit Idaho

• Measure 1

Provide energy efficiency and renewable energy loans to qualified Idaho residents and businesses.
Benchmark: *25 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, Policy, and Project Development in Idaho

• Measure 1

Coordinate Idaho's participation in regional mineral planning efforts, federal mineral projects, and federal rulemaking processes.
Benchmark: *10 projects per year*

• Measure 2

Coordinate the development of Idaho's responses to federal mineral documents and regulations.
Benchmark: *25 responses per year*

• Measure 3

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