



**Idaho Governor's Office of  
Energy and Mineral Resources  
FY 2023 – 2026 Strategic Plan  
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## INTRODUCTION AND MISSION:

### **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, OEMR is located within the Executive Office of the Governor.

### **Mission:**

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 OEMR include advising the Governor, the Legislature, and other public officials on energy and mineral issues; serving as Idaho's first point of contact for energy and mineral resources; and coordinating with federal and state agencies and local government entities 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 OEMR.
- Federal, state, and regional issues require constant monitoring, evaluation, and coordination with Idaho's energy and mineral stakeholders.
- The volume of federal energy and mineral projects and the resulting permitting activities in Idaho have substantially increased OEMR's workload.
- OEMR primarily uses federal funds to carry out the State's energy responsibilities and dedicated funds to carry out the State's mineral responsibilities.



## GOALS AND CORE FUNCTIONS:

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### **GOAL 1: Maintain and Advance Idaho's Energy and Mineral Leadership**

#### **OBJECTIVE 1: Serve as Idaho's clearinghouse for energy and mineral information**

##### **STRATEGIES:**

- Provide a single point of contact for elected officials, stakeholders, and the public for information regarding minerals, energy generation, transmission, efficiency, supply, management issues, energy infrastructure development, and transportation fuels.
- Participate in local, regional, and national energy and mineral policy discussions and forums that impact Idaho.
- Update and distribute an Idaho Energy Landscape document annually.

#### **OBJECTIVE 2: Coordinate, support, and oversee the Idaho Strategic Energy Alliance**

##### **STRATEGIES:**

- Provide staff support to the Idaho State Energy Alliance (ISEA) Board of Directors.
- Coordinate ISEA Board and Task Force meetings and facilitate development of ISEA publications.

#### **MEASURE 1:**

Coordinate and develop informational resources on existing, planned, and future energy and mineral related issues affecting Idaho.

Benchmark: *1 Energy Landscape update, 12 newsletters, and 100 additional resources per year*

#### **MEASURE 2:**

Participate in energy and mineral policy discussions and forums.

Benchmark: *50 total policy forums per year*

#### **MEASURE 3:**

Facilitate and staff ISEA Board and Task Force meetings.

Benchmark: *12 meetings per year*

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## **GOAL 2: Build Upon Idaho's Energy Policy, Planning, and Project Development Portfolio**

### **OBJECTIVE 1: Coordinate and develop energy policy, planning, and projects STRATEGIES:**

- Guide and coordinate local, regional, and national energy related policy development and implementation to support Idaho's energy independence.
- Facilitate Idaho's response to all legislative, regulatory, and judicial energy issues affecting Idaho.
- Participate in local, regional, and national energy planning processes such as transmission planning, electric market expansion, utility Integrated Resource Planning, energy efficiency and alternative transportation fuel discussions.
- Act as the Lead Cooperating Agency and represent the State of Idaho during all federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) processes related to energy.

### **MEASURE 4:**

Represent Idaho's interests in energy policy and planning efforts and federal energy permitting and rulemaking processes.

Benchmark: *Coordinate at least 25 responses to policy, planning and development efforts per year*

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## **GOAL 3: Enhance Idaho's Energy Security and Independence**

### **OBJECTIVE 1: Coordinate, monitor, and participate in energy security and emergency management activities**

#### **STRATEGIES:**

- Serve as the Idaho Emergency Support Function (ID-ESF) #12 Primary Agency for the Idaho Office of Emergency Management (IOEM).
- Coordinate with IOEM, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, and the private sector to develop energy security and critical infrastructure planning documents and processes, including training and exercises.
- Participate in local, regional, and national emergency management, energy security, energy independence, and critical infrastructure forums and planning activities.



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- Coordinate, monitor, and develop risk assessments for energy assurance in Idaho, including energy security and independence, transportation fuels, critical infrastructure, and natural hazard preparedness, mitigation, and response.

**MEASURE 5:**

Participate in energy security and emergency management related training and exercise activities.

Benchmark: *10 total training or exercise activities per year*

**MEASURE 6:**

Develop energy assurance related documents or assessments.

Benchmark: *5 reports or assessments per year*

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## **GOAL 4: Enhance Idaho's Ability to Access Energy-Related Programs and Opportunities**

**OBJECTIVE 1: Administer financial programs related to energy**

**STRATEGIES:**

- Administer the State Energy Loan Program.
- Facilitate energy efficiency audits and provide cost-share retrofits for eligible public buildings through the Government Leading by Example program.
- Administer the State Energy Resiliency Grant Program.
- Foster energy savings through the Idaho Awards for Leadership in Energy Efficiency.

**OBJECTIVE 2: Support the development, coordination, and enhancement of new and existing financial programs and opportunities related to energy**

**STRATEGIES:**

- Support new and existing financial programs and opportunities related to energy by guiding stakeholders and the public to resources and technical assistance.
- Participate in local, regional, and national forums and processes related to developing and administering financial programs and opportunities related to energy.
- Participate in and support the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's Weatherization Assistance Program and other energy efficiency related financial programs and opportunities.



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**MEASURE 7:**

Provide energy efficiency and renewable energy loans to qualified Idaho residents and businesses.

Benchmark: *15 loans issued per year with each application processed internally within 7-10 business days*

**MEASURE 8:**

Provide funding for energy efficiency audits and cost-share funding for cost-effective retrofits in public buildings.

Benchmark: *15 energy efficiency audits and 7 cost-share retrofits on public buildings per year*

**MEASURE 9:**

Present the Idaho Awards for Leadership in Energy Efficiency.

Benchmark: *Average 10 million kilowatt hours and \$500,000 in energy and cost savings per year*

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## **GOAL 5: Build Upon Idaho's Leadership in Mineral Policy and Project Development**

**OBJECTIVE 1: Coordinate and develop mineral policy and projects**

**STRATEGIES:**

- Guide and coordinate local, regional, and national mineral related policy development and implementation.
- Facilitate Idaho's response to all legislative, regulatory, and judicial mineral issues affecting Idaho.
- Participate in local, regional, and national mineral policy forums and processes with legislative committees, elected officials, stakeholders, the public, and state and federal agencies.
- Act as the Lead Cooperating Agency and represent the State of Idaho on federal NEPA processes related to minerals.

**MEASURE 10:**

Represent Idaho's interests in mineral policy and planning efforts and federal mineral permitting and rulemaking processes.

Benchmark: *Coordinate at least 5 responses to planning and development efforts per year*



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