



**Idaho Governor's Office of  
Energy and Mineral Resources  
FY 2024 – 2027 Strategic Plan  
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## INTRODUCTION AND MISSION:

### **Introduction:**

The Idaho Office of Energy and Mineral Resources (OEMR) is the State of Idaho's energy and mineral resource policy office. It 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, policy development, and administers energy-related programs 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.

## KEY EXTERNAL FACTORS:

- Federal legislation and regulations, including additions or reductions in federal program mandates, may significantly impact the operations of OEMR.
- Increased volume of federal energy and mineral projects and the resulting permitting activities in Idaho.
- OEMR primarily depends on the availability of federal funds to fulfill energy responsibilities.



## GOALS AND CORE FUNCTIONS:

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

**OBJECTIVE 1: Serve as a clearinghouse for current and emerging energy and mineral information and developments affecting Idaho and the region.**

**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 Strategic 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 150 informational resources per year*

**MEASURE 2:**

Meaningfully engage in energy and mineral policy discussions and forums.

Benchmark: *60 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 activities.

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

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

**OBJECTIVE 1: Develop and administer programs to advance Idaho's energy goals**

**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.
- Develop and administer new energy programs.

**OBJECTIVE 2: Support new and existing energy programs and opportunities in Idaho**

**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.
- Actively engage and support energy-related programs with other state agencies.

**MEASURE 6:**

Provide energy efficiency loans to qualified Idaho residents.

Benchmark: *20 loans issued per year with each application processed internally within 7-10 business days*

**MEASURE 7:**

Provide funding for energy projects to Idaho local governments, businesses, and residents.

Benchmark: *Fund 40 projects 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 8:**

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

Benchmark: *Coordinate at least 7 responses to planning and development efforts per year*

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