



**Idaho Governor's Office of  
Energy and Mineral Resources  
FY 2025 – 2028 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 and policy development and administers programs fostering reliability, affordability, sustainability, and innovation in a manner that responsibly enhances the state's security, economy, and overall quality of life for its citizens.

## KEY EXTERNAL FACTORS:

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



## GOALS AND CORE FUNCTIONS:

### **GOAL 1: Responsibly Coordinate Idaho's Energy and Mineral Policy, Planning, and Project Efforts**

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

##### **STRATEGIES:**

- Coordinate local, regional, and national energy-related policy development and implementation.
- Facilitate Idaho's engagement in 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 transportation fuel discussions.
- Coordinate the State of Idaho's involvement in federal processes related to energy.

#### **OBJECTIVE 2: Coordinate mineral policy, planning, and projects**

##### **STRATEGIES:**

- Coordinate local, regional, and national mineral-related policy development and implementation.
- Facilitate Idaho's engagement in mineral issues affecting Idaho.
- Participate in local, regional, and national mineral policy forums and processes with groups such as legislative committees, elected officials, stakeholders, the public, and state and federal agencies.
- Coordinate the State of Idaho's involvement in federal processes related to minerals.

**MEASURE 1:** Coordinate Idaho's interests in energy policy and planning efforts and federal energy permitting and rulemaking processes.

Benchmark: *25 coordinated responses to policy, planning, and development efforts per year*

**MEASURE 2:** Coordinate Idaho's interests in mineral policy and planning efforts and federal mineral permitting and rulemaking processes.

Benchmark: *10 coordinated responses to policy, planning, and development efforts per year*



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## **GOAL 2: Maintain and Advance Idaho's Energy and Mineral Leadership**

### **OBJECTIVE 1: Serve as a clearinghouse for energy and mineral information**

#### **STRATEGIES:**

- Provide an initial point of contact for elected officials, stakeholders, and the public for information regarding energy and minerals.
- 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 the Idaho Strategic Energy Alliance**

#### **STRATEGIES:**

- Coordinate ISEA Board of Directors and Task Forces and facilitate development of ISEA work product.

**MEASURE 3:** Develop and share information on energy and mineral topics and programs.

Benchmark: *150 informational resources per year (including 12 monthly newsletters, 1 Idaho Energy Landscape)*

**MEASURE 4:** Meaningfully engage in energy and mineral policy discussions and forums.

Benchmark: *60 total policy forums per year*

**MEASURE 5:** Facilitate and staff ISEA Board and Task Force meetings.

Benchmark: *12 meetings per year*

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## **GOAL 3: Provide Idahoans Access to Energy-related Programs and Opportunities**

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

#### **STRATEGIES:**

- Administer the State Energy Loan Program, Government Leading by Example Program, Idaho Awards for Leadership in Energy Efficiency, State Energy Resiliency Grant Program, Idaho Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant



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Program, Idaho K-12 Energy Efficiency Program, Wildfire Resilience Investment Program.

- Evaluate and enhance other energy programs to effectively meet the needs of Idaho residents.

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

**STRATEGIES:**

- Guide stakeholders and the public to resources and technical assistance.
- Engage and support energy programs with other state agencies and organizations.

**MEASURE 5:** Provide funding for energy projects to Idaho local governments, businesses, and residents.

Benchmark: *50 projects obligated per year*

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**GOAL 4: 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 #12 Primary Agency.
- Develop, through coordination with Idaho Office of Emergency Management, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, and the private sector, energy planning documents such as the State Energy Security Plan and the Idaho Fuels Plan.
- Participate in local, regional, and national energy security and emergency management forums, planning activities, and exercises.

**MEASURE 6:** Participate in energy security and emergency management activities.

Benchmark: *6 total training or exercise activities per year*

**MEASURE 7:** Update energy security plans and resources.

Benchmark: *4 total resources per year*

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