

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation & Enforcement (OSM)



**Lexington Field Office
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Title IV – AML

- Kentucky's distribution from AML fee collections for FY 2010 was **\$37,591,354**.
- FY 2011 Budget eliminated AML Federal Emergency Program Funding effective October 1, 2010. Emergency projects are now funded from annual AML fee collection distribution to Kentucky DAML.

Kentucky AML Emergency Complaints





Title IV AML Highlights

In addition to the excellent job of reclaiming abandoned mine sites, DAML is involved in other projects greatly beneficial to the public.

- **EY 2010 – Completed 45 high priority projects and submitted 43 new projects to OSM.**
- **Nine new projects include domestic waterline projects to 829 new residential customers and 451,602 feet of new waterlines.**
- **Additionally, \$2.5 million will be contributed to a new water treatment plant at Paintsville Lake in Johnson County. It will serve 1,000 new customers currently without public water.**
- **Over \$76.5 million has been spent in prior year funding for waterlines providing 11,894 households with public water in 24 Kentucky Counties.**

Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative (ARRI)

- During CY 2009, DNR issued 114 permits (new, amendments, and revisions) encompassing 24,133 acres with a post-mining land use where the permittee committed to planting trees.
- Phase III bond release was granted on 1,988 acres of land planted in trees. This translates to the coal industry adding over 1.3 million established and growing trees to Kentucky lands.





“Forests Without Borders”

Interstate Arbor Day 2010

Cumberland River Coal Company

Black Mountain KY/VA State Line

April 30, 2010

Over 100 students from Arlie Boggs Elementary School in Letcher County, Kentucky and Appalachia Elementary School in Wise County, Virginia planted high value hardwoods and constructed a wetland.

ARRI Volunteer Tree Planting Events

- Several events across the State on **pre-law** mines and reclaimed mine sites.
- Over 54,000 tree seedlings planted on 80+ acres of mined lands.



Governor's Environmental Leadership Award

Appalachian Coal Country Watershed Team AmeriCorps VISTA

- ARRI and Watershed Team partnered to sponsor and organize 8 tree planting events
- Over 9,200 trees were planted on 15 acres



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**Community
Watershed Groups**

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Appalachian Coal Country Team (ACCT):

- Founded in 2002
- Assist rural communities impacted by pre-regulatory environmental degradation and its consequences in making their homelands healthier places to live and work.
- Place college-educated OSM/VISTA Volunteers with community/watershed organizations for 1 year.
- Provide support and training for OSM/VISTAs and their Supervisors
- Serve: PA, OH, MD, WV, VA, KY, TN, AL
- Currently 28 ACCT OSM/VISTAs in the field





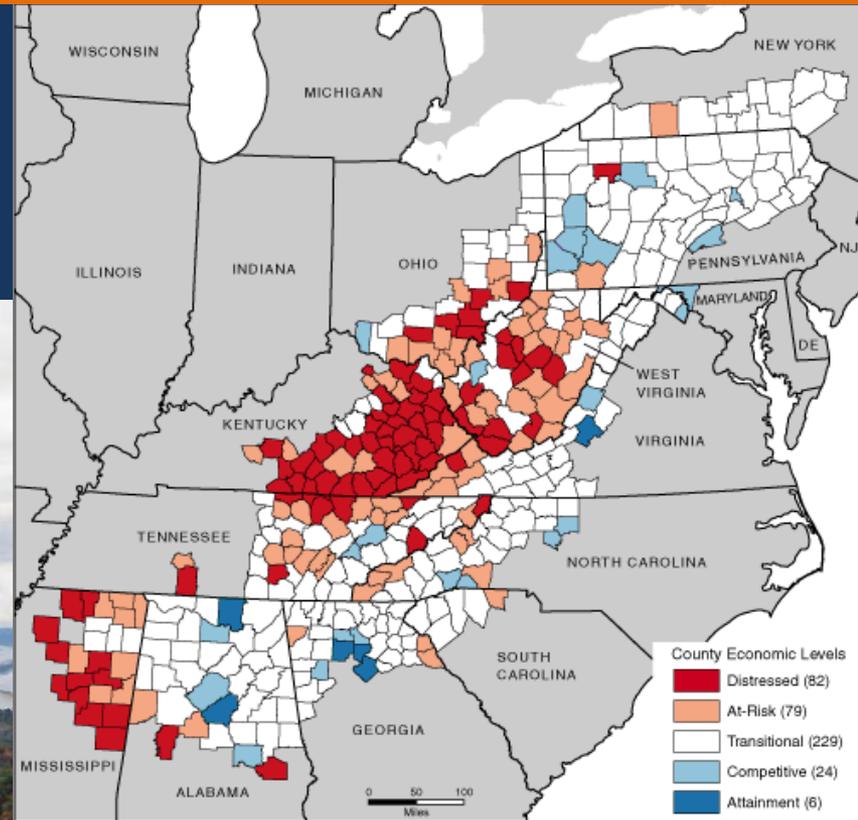
Core Goals

1. Capacity Building
2. Economic Development
3. Environmental Stewardship
4. Education and Outreach
5. Professional Development

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Map by: Appalachian Regional Commission, October 2009.
Data Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, LAUS, 2005-2007;
U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, REIS, 2006;
U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census, SF3.

Effective October 1, 2009
through September 30, 2010.

Watershed Cooperative Agreement Program

- Began in 1999 to provide funds to non-profit organizations to help address acid mine drainage
- Funds provided by OSM, up to \$100,000 directly to the watershed group, for construction of AMD projects
- 13 States eligible for funding



WCAP REQUIREMENTS

- Sites must be AML eligible
- Partner based – the more the better
- Must be combined with other funds - must “make the difference” in the project being constructed
- Must submit application for funding

FUNDING PARTNERS

- State SMCRA Partners (DEP, DMLR, DNR...) - AML funds
- State EPA Agencies -Division of Water -EPA 319 Funds
- CORPS/NRCS/USFS/EPA/Govt. agencies
- Miscellaneous grants (Growing Greener, Trout Unlimited, various foundations)
- In Kind Services VOLUNTEERS
- Mitigation Funding



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