



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
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Memorandum

To: Director, Bureau of Land Management
Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

From: Secretary *Ken Salazar*

Subject: Consolidation of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) into the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

In our efforts to make the most out of limited resources and to carry out our important responsibilities for the benefit of the American people, we are always looking for ways to make government work better. As part of this overarching goal, I have today signed the attached Secretarial Order which will lead to the consolidation of certain functions of the OSM and BLM. The Order will become effective December 1, 2011, following consultation with the White House, Office of Management and Budget, employees, and applicable congressional committees with responsibilities over these functions.

To be successful, this realignment must build on your organizations' strengths, and enable the rational integration of certain similar functions the organizations share in their oversight of mining activities.

You are both strong leaders and your organizations are home to some of our Nation's top public servants. My action today acknowledges the performance of vital missions in both organizations related to the management of our natural resources and the continued operation of a nationwide program that is protective of the environment.