

Office of Surface Mining

Adapting to Meet Emerging Challenges



2012 National Priorities

- **OSM-BLM consolidation**
- **Stream protection rule**
- **Coal combustion rule**
- **Cost recover rule**
- **Technical assistance**
- **Enhanced oversight**



Addressing Water Related Issues

- Regional oversight
 - Watershed trends
 - Bonding adequacy
- Assisting our State partners
 - Technical assistance
 - KY CHIA improvement effort (~\$750+K)
 - WV underground mining hydrology manual
 - TIPS software
 - Training
- Cooperating with our sister Federal and State agencies
 - GeoMine (~\$500+K)
 - Enhanced cumulative impact assessment

Addressing Water Related Issues (continued)

- **Support of and cooperation with academia, NGO's, State, and Federal partners on water related initiatives**
 - Acid Drainage Technology Initiative (\$0.2 M)
 - Technical transfer opportunities
 - Watershed coops (\$1.3 m)
 - Appalachian Landscape Conservation Coop
 - Coal Country Watershed Team
 - Applied science projects (\$1.2 m but \$0 2012)

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