

OEMIR/OSMIEC Overview



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OEMR

Coordinates energy & mineral planning, permitting, and policy

Clearinghouse, grant administration, interagency coordination

Idaho Strategic Energy Alliance & Advanced Nuclear Task Force

SPEED Act 2025

- Executive Order 2025-02- Strategic Permitting, Efficiency and Economic Development Act
- Purpose was to streamline state-level permitting for large, multi-agency projects
- Aligning with federal emphasis on regulatory efficiency



2025 Implementation

- 2025 Legislature rejected a funding request to establish the SPEED Council
- Established systems to implement without funding, moved away from the formal Council concept
- Signed MOU with the Federal Permitting Council



Phase 2: Merging Agencies

- 2026 Legislature – merged:
 - The Office of Energy and Mineral Resources
 - The Office of Species Conservation
 - The State Historic Preservation Office
- Purpose: “one stop shop” for coordinating necessary state and federal authorizations



Office of Species Conservation

- All work will continue
- Some staff portfolios may be shuffled and adjusted
- That mission will be folded in to OSMEC's



Office of Species, Minerals and Energy Coordination

- Engage with federal regulatory entities on all federal processes
- Avoids duplicity, particularly between OSC and OEMR
- One point of contact for project proponents
- Track and facilitate decision points throughout the permitting process



Office of Species, Minerals and Energy Coordination

- 3 Divisions
 - SHPO-NHPA Section 106 Compliance
 - Grant Management
 - Policy-ESA Consultation, NEPA, facilitating state permitting and tracking energy and mining projects



County Engagement

- Idaho Permitting 101 Meetings-include direction to engage with local regulators
- Assistance with NEPA participation (if needed)
- Collaboration and assistance with siting for energy and transmission

