

Performance Review: The Office of Environmental Remediation

Agency Purposes:

The purpose of the Office of Environmental Remediation (OER) is to administer remediation programs to provide for clean, safe, and productive West Virginia communities.

What Did PERD Find?

PERD found that the OER is needed to administer prevalent statutorily mandated remediation programs, benefitting West Virginia and its communities.

PERD's Objectives:

To determine the continued need for the OER, to assess the OER's compliance with its statutory responsibilities, and to evaluate the OER's website for user-friendliness and transparency.

Key Recommendations:

The Legislature should consider continuing the OER.

The OER should consider adding the required content to the Voluntary Remediation Agreement.

The OER should consider adding any user-friendly or transparency elements that it determines would further enhance its website.

Table 6
Certificates of Completion Total Remediation
Projects and Acres
CY 1996 - 2025

	Total	Number with COCs	Percent with COCs
Number of Projects	313	210	67%
Total Acreage	7,708	4,498	58%
Source: The Office of Environmental Remediation.			

PERD also found the following:

- The OER complies with most of its statutory requirements.
- The OER is timely and transparent in its administration of remediation programs.
- The OER uses internal controls for Brownfields Revolving Fund loans.
- The agency website includes most required content, however, some improvement needed.