**AMLER Grants**

**Important Terms**

**AML Nexus –** A required characteristic of AML relatedness for applications to be deemed eligible for selection

* Defined as a connection to or proximity with AML eligible Priority 1, 2, or 3 sites listed in eAMLIS
* <https://amlis.osmre.gov/Map.aspx>
* Previously reclaimed AML sites and polluted waters
* Land adjacent to unreclaimed or previously reclaimed AML sites and polluted waters as justified by the State, Tribe and/or the communities impacted by historic coal production
* Currently permitted ***Title V mine sites are not eligible*** to receive AMLER funds

**OSMRE** – Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

* Housed with the United States Department of Interior
* Provides direct payment funding to Virginia Energy for the AMLER program.
* Receives annual reports from Virginia Energy on projects developed with provided AMLER funding.

**Vetting** – A conceptual review of an AMLER Project proposal

* Conducted by Virginia Energy
* The first step in the process of approval of a selected application
* Programmatic vetting will require obtaining more detailed information than the original application for submission and acceptance by Virginia Energy.
* Financial vetting documents will be completed and accepted by Virginia Energy before approval is granted to spend engineering and environmental monies with AMLER funding.
* Upon programmatic and financial vetting approval, Virginia Energy will enter into a Project Agreement with the subrecipient.

**ATP** – Authorization To Proceed

* Issued by Virginia Energy upon satisfactory completion of environmental studies with clearances, plans, drawings and specifications.
* Final step required for actual implementation or construction of AMLER funding