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OFECR Director Jack Rever will retire next month. A registered professional engineer with a background in facilities construction services for the U.S. Navy and the Los Angeles Unified School District, Rever has led Indian Affairs' construction, facility management, environmental, cultural and safety divisions since 2005.

Rever oversaw the successful and time-constrained infusion of funding—\$305.6 million—for construction, remodeling and job-training projects across Indian Country under the America Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). In fact, because of Rever's initial push to concentrate on construction pre-planning and design for projects not yet funded, Indian Affairs was able to lead Department of the Interior bureaus in quick reaction to the 2009 ARRA funding legislation. Less than two years later, an Indian Affairs construction project, the [St. Francis Indian School](#) cafeteria and gymnasium replacement in South Dakota, became the Department's 4,000th ARRA project.

During Rever's tenure, a much-needed environmental audit program was implemented to ensure Indian Affairs locations are working to comply with local, state and federal environmental laws and regulations. Also, concern for energy savings in new and existing facilities has been highlighted. Indian Affairs constructed the first net zero energy building in the Department, a fire station at Nazlini Community School in Arizona, and a wind-powered, net zero energy fire station is being planned for Black Mesa Community School in Arizona. In addition, a solar panel field is being constructed on the Grand Canyon's rim to power Havasupai Elementary School at its bottom.

Overall, Indian Affairs has decreased the number of schools and dormitories in poor condition from 114 to 63 during Rever's tenure: 40 schools and dormitories were replaced and 53 major Facility Improvement and Repair Projects were completed along with other facility projects, totaling \$1.2 billion dollars.