**Interior’s Office of Policy Analysis Seminar**

**The Ambassador’s Water Experts Program - Stories of Water Diplomacy**

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**Speakers**:

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* **Roman Ferdinand**, Program Analyst, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement
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**Moderator:**

* **Elizabeth Goffi**, Project Manager, DOI’s International Technical Assistance Program (DOI-ITAP)

**Topic**: International Capacity Building in Water Resources Management

**Date**: May 10, 2021

**Time**: 12:15 – 1:45 EST

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