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RE: Proposed Rule, Alcohol- and Drug-Free Mines: Policy, Prohibitions, Testing, Training, and Assistance (RIN 1219-AB41)

Carmeuse Lime and Stone is pleased to present its comments on the proposed rule on the use of or impairment from alcohol and other drugs on mine property. Carmeuse Lime and Stone is located in Rocky Point, VA and employs 15 miners.

Carmeuse is a member of the National Lime Association, and fully supports the comments filed by NLA with respect to the proposed rule. Carmeuse agrees with NLA's members that "substance abuse among employees in the mine environment can create serious safety hazards to workers and others, and that there are strong reasons for each lime company to maintain an effective substance abuse program.

However, Carmeuse also agrees with NLA that there are important deficiencies in the proposed rule that must be corrected before it is finalized. The most important of these is the requirement that mine operators provide job security to miners who fail drug or alcohol tests for the first time. As NLA indicated, this provision would make mines that currently have a "zero tolerance" policy less safe, rather than safer.

Carmeuse's current policy includes provisions for pre-employment, post-accident, and reasonable suspicion drug and alcohol testing.

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Very truly yours,

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