

**AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING AN ALLIANCE
BETWEEN
THE MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
AND
THE NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL**

The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) and the National Safety Council (NSC) recognize the value of working collaboratively on health and safety programs. This pooling of resources will result in a more focused relationship, with the objective of developing safety and health programs for the mining industry. Further, through outreach efforts, this Alliance will educate the public, particularly children, about the dangers of exploring active and abandoned mines.

MSHA and NSC will work cooperatively through the Alliance to:

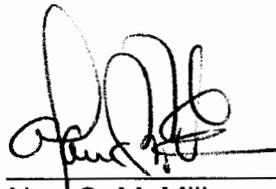
- Develop and distribute information through print and electronic media, including CDs, DVDs, interactive Web-based programs and establish links between MSHA's and NSC's Web sites.
- Speak, exhibit, or appear at conferences or other events and generate opportunities for MSHA and NSC leadership to speak to safety and health professionals in the mining industry.
- Collaborate on developing and conducting technical sessions for various conferences.
- Evaluate the NSC Mining and Minerals Resources Industry Section (Mining Section) and identify ways to enhance participation.
- Work with MSHA to expand the NSC's existing relationship with MSHA in the Stay Out-Stay Alive Project.
- Work collaboratively to present clear and accurate statistical information on mining and minerals operations in the United States.
- Identify existing NSC programs that can be used as part of MSHA's compliance specialists' training.

An implementation team made up of representatives of both organizations will meet to develop a plan of action, determine working procedures, and identify the roles and responsibilities of the participants. They will meet at least quarterly to track and share information on activities and results in achieving the goals of the Alliance. Team members will include MSHA's Office of Educational Policy Development, as well as

other appropriate offices. Designated staff will represent NSC and the Council recommends that the Chairman of its Mining Section be a part of this team.

This Agreement will remain in effect until December 31, 2004. Either signatory may terminate the Alliance for any reason at any time, provided 30 days written notice is given. This Agreement may be modified at any time with the concurrence of both signatories.

 9/9/03
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 9/9/03
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