

**AGREEMENT RENEWING THE ALLIANCE BETWEEN
THE MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
AND
THE NATIONAL MINING ASSOCIATION**

The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) and the National Mining Association (NMA) recognize the value of continuing a collaborative relationship to foster safer and more healthful working conditions at the Nation's mining and milling operations.

MSHA and NMA hereby renew their Alliance under the authority of 30 U.S.C. § 962 to provide coal and metal and nonmetal mining personnel with information, guidance, and access to training resources that will help protect the health and safety of those working at coal and metal and nonmetal mines, and in preparation plants and mills.

MSHA and NMA will work together to achieve the following education and training goals designed to improve worker health and safety:

- Provide information, education, training, and technical assistance to raise safety and health awareness within the coal and metal and nonmetal mining industry and to help prevent injuries and illnesses and protect worker safety and health;
- Conduct annual summary analyses of incidence rates for coal and metal and nonmetal mines, preparation plants and mills, and perform worker injury and illness case studies to identify hazardous safety and health conditions and practices;
- Analyze injury, illness, and citation data to develop training and education tools to improve injury and illness incidence rates;
- Develop education and training programs for operator and contractor employees working at coal and metal and nonmetal mines and in preparation plants and mills;
- Develop and share best practices and effective approaches to improve operator and contractor safety and health at coal and metal and nonmetal mines and in preparation plants and mills;
- Collaborate on emergency response, rescue and recovery techniques for facility operations located at coal and metal and nonmetal mines, preparation plants and mills;

- Develop resources to support excellence in mine rescue preparedness and keep current a centralized data bank of mine emergency preparedness capabilities, equipment and resources that will be available to mine safety personnel in the event of a mine emergency, disaster, or rescue;
- Ensure that health and safety programs are fair and inclusive, and reach all persons in the industry workforce, including those who do not speak English as their primary language; and
- Ensure that personal protective equipment (PPE) is available, accessible, and suitably fitted to all workers in the industry, including those who are hard to fit, and that workers understand how and when to properly use PPE.

MSHA and NMA will strive to achieve the following outreach and communications goals:

- Provide statistical information regarding injuries and illnesses that occur in coal and metal and nonmetal mines and in preparation plants and mills;
- Develop and disseminate information on worker safety and health issues at conferences, events or through print and electronic media, including links from MSHA's and NMA's websites;
- Raise awareness and demonstrate commitment to worker safety and health whenever MSHA or NMA leaders address groups;
- Convene or participate in workshops, conferences, round table discussions, or stakeholder meetings to forge innovative solutions to worker health and safety issues;
- Collaborative exchange of timely information on Injury and Employment data; and
- Publicize the results of worker injury and illness case studies through print, electronic media, promotion at conferences, or other means of outreach.

A team made up of representatives of both organizations will meet to update previously established plans, procedures, and roles and responsibilities of the participants.

NMA is authorized, with the approval of MSHA, to use the MSHA Alliance logo on documents, web pages, or other products related to or created under the Alliance for as long as the Alliance remains in effect and according to MSHA's ["Guidance on the Use of the Alliance Logo."](#) The logo must not be used for fundraising or lobbying efforts or to

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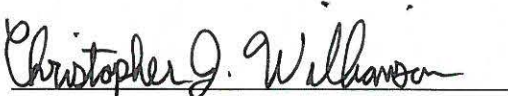
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MSHA and NMA will provide all services, products, and resources relating to or created under this Alliance without reimbursement from the other party.

This Alliance creates no private right of action against the Federal Government or NMA. This Alliance creates no rights in any third party. This Alliance is subject to the availability of funds. This agreement will not be construed as obligating funds. Nothing in this agreement obligates MSHA to expend appropriations or enter into any contract or other obligations.

Nothing in this Alliance shall limit, supersede, or otherwise affect MSHA's normal operations or decisions in carrying out its statutory or regulatory duties. This Alliance does not limit or restrict the parties from participating in similar activities or arrangements with other entities. This Alliance also does not limit or restrict the parties from taking any other action necessary.

Unless otherwise extended, this agreement will remain in effect until March 31, 2026. Either signatory may terminate it for any reason at any time, provided they give 30-day written notice. This agreement may be modified at any time with the concurrence of both signatories.



Christopher J. Williamson
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Mine Safety and Health Administration

Date 3/28/2023



Rich Nolan
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Date 3/29/2023