

**AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING AN ALLIANCE
BETWEEN
THE MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
AND
THE AMERICAN COAL COUNCIL**

The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) and the American Coal Council (ACC) recognize the value of establishing an Alliance to promote safer and more healthful working conditions at the Nation's mining operations.

MSHA and ACC hereby establish an Alliance to provide coal mining personnel with information, guidance, and access to training resources that will help protect the health and safety of those working at coal mines, and in preparation plants and mills.

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

- i. Provide information, education, training, and technical assistance to raise safety and health awareness within the coal industry and to help prevent injuries and illnesses and protect worker safety and health.
- ii. Conduct annual summary analyses of incidence rates for coal mines, preparation plants and mills, and perform worker injury and illness case studies to identify hazardous safety and health conditions and practices.
- iii. Analyze injury, illness, and citation data to develop education and training tools to improve injury and illness incidence rates.
- iv. Develop education and training programs for operator and contractor employees working at coal mines and in preparation plants and mills.
- v. Develop and share best practices and effective approaches to improve operator and contractor safety and health at coal mines and in preparation plants and mills.

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

- i. Provide statistical information regarding injuries and illnesses that occur in coal mines and in preparation plants and mills.
- ii. 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 ACC's websites.
- iii. Raise awareness and demonstrate commitment to worker safety and health whenever MSHA or ACC leaders address groups.

- iv. Convene or participate in workshops, conferences, roundtable discussions, or stakeholder meetings to forge innovative solutions to worker health and safety issues.
- v. Collaboratively exchange timely information on injury and employment data.
- vi. Publicize results of worker injury and illness case studies through print, electronic media, promotion at conferences, or other means of outreach.

A team of representatives from both organizations will meet to develop a plan of action, determine working procedures, and identify the participants' roles and responsibilities.

ACC is authorized, with MSHA's approval, to use the MSHA Alliance Program logo on documents, webpages, and other products related to or created under the Alliance for as long as the Alliance remains in effect and in accordance with MSHA's "Guidance on the Use of the Alliance Program Logo" on the MSHA Alliance Program [webpage](https://www.msha.gov/support-resources/alliances-mous) (<https://www.msha.gov/support-resources/alliances-mous>). In particular, the logo may not be used to give the appearance that an Alliance Program participant's or other website is part of MSHA's website. The logo must not be used for fundraising or lobbying efforts, or to imply that MSHA endorses a particular entity or its actions or products. Before the Alliance Program logo is used, MSHA and ACC must approve all materials and products developed under this Alliance. When possible, all documents or other products bearing the logo must include the following statement:

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MSHA and ACC will provide all services, products, and resources related 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 ACC. This Alliance creates no rights in any third party.

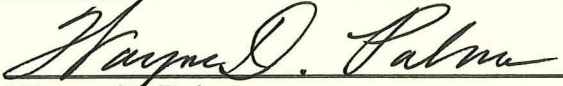
This Alliance is subject to the availability of funds. This agreement will not be construed as obligating funds. Nothing in this agreement obligates MSHA to expend appropriations or enter into any contract or other obligations.

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 necessary action.

The legal authorities for this Alliance are 30 U.S.C. §§ 952(a)-(c)(1) and 962.

Unless otherwise extended, this agreement will remain in effect for three (3) years. Either signatory may terminate it for any reason at any time, provided they give 30 days' written notice. This agreement may be modified at any time with the concurrence of both signatories.

 Wayne D. Palmer Assistant Secretary of Labor Mine Safety and Health Administration	 Emily Arthun CEO American Coal Council
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