

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

The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) and the Essential Minerals Association (EMA) recognize the value of renewing a collaborative relationship to promote safer and more healthful working conditions at the Nation's mining operations.

MSHA and EMA hereby renew their Alliance to provide the industrial minerals sector's miners and employees with information, guidance, and access to educational resources that will help protect the health and safety of those working at mines and processing facilities.

MSHA and EMA 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 industrial minerals sector and to help prevent injuries and illnesses and protect worker safety and health.
- ii. Conduct annual summary analyses of incidence rates for U.S. industrial mineral mines and processing facilities.
- iii. Analyze injury, illness, and citation data to develop training and education tools to improve injury and illness incidence rates.
- iv. Develop education and training programs for operator and contractor employees working in mines and processing facilities.
- v. Develop and share best practices and effective approaches to improve operator and contractor safety and health in mines and processing facilities.

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

- i. Proactively address worker safety and health issues by speaking, exhibiting, or presenting at conferences, meetings, and other events, or through print and electronic media, including links from MSHA's and EMA's websites.
- ii. Raise awareness and demonstrate commitment to worker safety and health whenever MSHA or EMA leaders address groups.
- iii. Convene or participate in forums, roundtable discussions, or stakeholder meetings to forge innovative solutions to worker health and safety issues.
- iv. Publicize the results of worker injury and illness case studies through print or electronic media, promotion at conferences, or other means of outreach.

Representatives from both organizations will meet at least two times a year to refine an existing plan of action, address working procedures, identify the participants' roles and responsibilities, and track and share information on activities and results toward achieving the Alliance's goals. Both organizations will focus on preventing powered haulage accidents and monitoring, evaluating, and controlling industrial minerals employees' exposure to mine dusts.

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

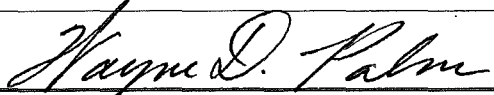
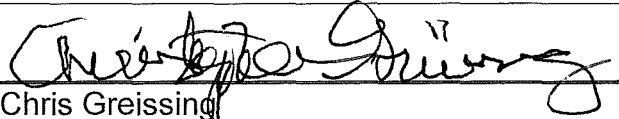
This Alliance creates no private right of action against the Federal Government or EMA. This Alliance creates no rights in any third party.

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.

	
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