



Rich Nolan
President & CEO

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The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1849 C St, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Wright:

The National Mining Association (NMA) cordially invites you to speak at our Fall Board of Directors meeting which will run from Sunday to Tuesday, September 21-23, 2025, in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The NMA is the only national trade organization that serves as the voice of the U.S. mining industry and the hundreds of thousands of American workers it employs before Congress, federal agencies, the judiciary, and the media, advocating for public policies that will help America fully and responsibly utilize its vast natural resources under world-leading environmental, safety and labor standards. Our member company CEOs and executives attend our board meetings, and we expect September's meeting to have strong attendance.

The U.S. mining industry is a vital component of the U.S. economy, providing energy and raw materials for downstream industries, creating jobs, driving innovation, and ensuring the reliability of critical supply chains for new technologies, manufacturing, and infrastructure. Domestic mining supports energy security, national security, and a reliable electric grid.

As Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy, you have championed the importance of domestic energy dominance, a strong domestic supply chain for minerals, and the department's significant role in helping achieve those goals. There is widespread recognition that we are entering the most energy, mineral, and metal-intensive era in human history. The International Energy Agency (IEA) estimates that by 2026, energy demand from data centers alone will be roughly equivalent to Japan's annual electricity usage. The IEA further estimates that demand for minerals such as lithium, copper, graphite, nickel, aluminum, and cobalt, among others, will increase by 20 to 40 times by 2040. Consequently, the right policies to secure and expand energy and new domestic mineral production, as well as our supply chains, are more important than ever.

With your role as both Secretary of the Department of Energy and Vice Chairman of the National Energy Dominance Council, our member companies would be interested to hear from you about your plans for your department and its work with other key federal departments and agencies to strengthen our nation's energy security and increase domestic mining production and processing.

Specifically, we invite you to be our keynote speaker for the morning session on Monday, September 22. We would like you to address the Board at 9 a.m. MDT for approximately thirty minutes, followed by a brief question-and-answer period. If this time does not work, we can accommodate a time between 8:00 a.m. and noon on Monday or between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 am on Tuesday, September 23.

Our meeting will be held at The Broadmoor, 1 Lake Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado. We thank you in advance for considering our request and hope that your schedule will permit you to provide remarks, followed by a brief question-and-answer period.

Please advise if there is anything NMA can do to assist you and your staff in making appropriate arrangements by contacting Richard Russell, NMA's Senior Vice President of Government Affairs, at (b) (6) [REDACTED] or rrussell@nma.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rich Nolan', followed by a long horizontal flourish line.

Rich Nolan