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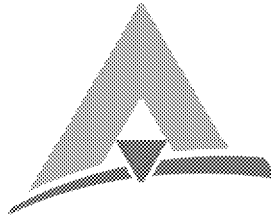
Tate,

Here you go.

Laura Skaer
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**HARDROCK MINING ASSOCIATION
APPLAUDS EPA in CERCLA RULE MAKING**

EPA Final Rule Recognizes the Success of Existing Federal & State Programs

Today, the American Exploration & Mining Association (AEMA) responded to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) final CERLCA 108(b) rule for hardrock mining.

Today's final decision that no additional financial assurance is required was preceded by years of analysis and public input, including a Small Business Advocacy Review (SBAR) Panel where AEMA served as a Small Entity Representative (SER).

"AEMA is pleased that EPA, under Administrator Pruitt, undertook a legitimate, science and fact based analysis. EPA has finally recognized that the robust financial assurance system in place works." said Laura Skaer, AEMA Executive Director. "No mine approved by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) or the United States Forest Service (USFS) since 1990 has been placed on the Superfund list. This undeniable fact, along with robust financial assurance requirements, stringent regulatory requirements and the industry's commitment to the highest environmental standards is what made today's decision the right one."

The BLM, USFS and individual states currently hold more than \$5 billion dollars in financial assurance, covering the vast majority of what EPA originally proposed to cover in the duplicative rule. The Western Governors Association and Interstate Mining Compact Commission both issued strong objections to the rule.

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