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Did you know that 2015 was the **safest year in mining history**? This historic announcement from the **U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration** (MSHA) confirms the impact of our efforts to continually improve safety. The mining industry strives to not only meet but exceed our safety goals. Ensuring every miner returns home without injury is our first priority.

In fact, the National Mining Association (NMA) and our member organizations work diligently to improve safety through our **CORESafety®** initiative. The goal of the initiative is to eliminate mining fatalities and reduce injuries by 50 percent within five years.

You can find helpful resources and information about **CORESafety®** [here](#).



During his 40 years working in the mining sector, Frank L. Hanagarne, Jr., the senior vice

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president and COO of **Coeur Mining**, has witnessed the impact these initiatives have on mining operations and on improving safety performance. In a recent **interview** with **CORESafety®**, Hanagarne recalls that when he started his career, injuries were more frequent. However, “Since that time, I’ve seen companies focus on compliance and even well beyond that. Because having good safety in industry is not just about compliance, it’s about many other things,” he explains.

Establishing a culture of safety requires an innovative approach that takes all aspects of the industry—from operations to advancements in technology—into consideration.

If you would like to learn more, please read our latest blog post [here](#) or read our full press release [here](#).

Together, we will continue to meet our industry’s unique set of challenges through collaborative partnerships that help ensure each year is safe for our nation’s miners.

Congratulations on your remarkable achievements in 2015.

Thank you,

Hal Quinn  
NMA President and CEO

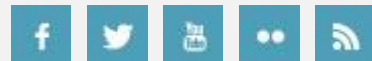


Kevin L. Kearns, president of the U.S. Business & Industry Council, explains why U.S. mineral resources are vital for manufacturing and U.S. competitiveness in *Real Clear Policy*. Read his full op-ed [here](#).

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