



DID YOU KNOW?

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As summer draws to a close and a national election quickly approaches, the focus is returning to pressing policy debates. For our industry, here are the top issues to keep an eye on this fall:

1. **EPA's Proposed Hardrock Mining Financial Assurance Rule**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is calling for additional regulations regarding financial assurance and hardrock mining. The proposed rule ignores existing regulations surrounding financial assurance at both state and federal levels and will create a significant financial burden for the mining industry. Learn more [here](#).

In addition, we recently published an infographic that addresses our concerns with these aggressive and unnecessary measures. See the full infographic [here](#).

Next Week: 29th Annual MINExpo



The 2016 MINExpo is approaching! Join us in Las Vegas from Sept. 26-28 to learn about some of the most exciting new technologies in the industry and meet the people behind those advancements. Get more information [here](#). And be sure to follow the event on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

Op-ed: Michigan miners can't afford new EPA rule



The Detroit News

EPA's proposed hardrock mining financial assurance rule will hurt the entire mining industry says Daniel McGroarty, president of American Resources Policy Network. Read his full op-ed in The Detroit News [here](#).

2. **BLM's Proposed Land Withdrawals**
The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) proposal to remove more than 10 million acres of mineral rich land from mining is both unprecedented and unnecessary. These proposed land withdrawals will further limit our access to U.S. mineral resources and have the potential to hinder U.S. economic growth more broadly. Learn more [here](#).

3. **The "Energy Policy Modernization Act of 2016" Moved to Conference**
Conference between the House and Senate began this month on Sen. Lisa Murkowski's (R-Alaska) "Energy Policy Modernization Act of 2016." If approved, this bill will streamline the minerals mine permitting process and create greater accountability without compromising environmental protections. Learn more about this energy bill [here](#).

As you know, access to minerals is crucial to the health of our economy and the growth of new technologies like electric vehicles and medical advancements. It is imperative that the U.S. improves access to its mineral resources instead of further restricting it. Burdensome and duplicative regulations will only set us back. Our nation's leaders need to be fully aware of how these decisions hurt our vital industries and economy. For that reason, it is essential that your voice is heard on the proposed EPA financial assurance rule.

Sign our petition today to protect one of our nation's most important industries.

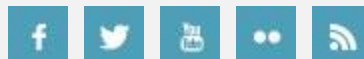
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