

MINERALS
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Dear Joe,

Each year, the [Dow Jones Sustainability Index](#) assesses nearly 4,000 companies around the world to determine today's leaders in sustainability. This year, we are pleased to announce that National Mining Association member [Newmont](#) was named the mining industry's overall leader in sustainability. Furthermore, three additional members were acknowledged for their exceptional sustainability practices, including [Barrick Gold](#), [Teck Resources Limited](#) and [Caterpillar Inc.](#)

We are proud of mining's commitment to safety, accountability and environmental stewardship.

Congratulations

to NMA members recognized by the 2017 Dow Jones Sustainability Index!



Read our [newest blog post](#) to find out more about this outstanding achievement.

While [polls](#) show that American voters seem largely unfamiliar with the environmental and technological advancements today's mining industry has made, the 1.2 million people who work for mining and its downstream industries remain committed to operational excellence, safety and sustainability each and every day.

Minerals mining is constantly leveraging new technology and establishing private-public relationships that improve workplace safety, create greater efficiencies and reduce our impact on the environment.

In 2016, Newmont collaborated with the U.S. Department of the Interior to establish the [Conservation Framework Agreement](#), part of an unprecedented effort to conserve 1.5 million acres of sagebrush habitat. Newmont continues to partner with federal agencies like the U.S. Bureau of Land Management to manage, monitor and protect Nevada's biodiversity through this program.

Meanwhile, mining is pioneering digital solutions that make operations more efficient and create new opportunities for America's workers. For example, Barrick Gold recently shared a [video](#) about autonomous trucks that allow operators to work remotely. In the video, operator Robert Harrison explains that when he first learned about this new technology, "I knew this is the direction that mining needs to go" because it allows work to safely continue during shift changes.

[Watch the Video](#)

It is both exciting and rewarding to watch our members lead the charge in sustainability while also training the [next generation of employees](#) to enter a high-tech workforce. By investing in new technologies and education, we remain competitive in a changing global market while continuing to grow and create well-paying jobs for Americans.

Unfortunately, ill-conceived policies are countering these advancements and are stifling the industry's potential. A recent example is [CERCLA](#), an EPA proposed rule that will duplicate existing financial assurance requirements for mine reclamation and undermine successful state stewardship efforts.

It's time we all stand together to support mining. Please join us by taking action [here](#).

Thank you,

Hal Quinn
NMA President and CEO

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Elementary school students taught their classmates the importance of responsible mining by adapting their own version of the popular video game Minecraft.

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