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This Week in The News

Election Day has finally come and gone, with the only clarity being that it will likely be some time before we know the final outcome. As the results and their impacts shake out over the coming days and weeks, NMA remains focused on efforts to advance mining's interests with congressional committees and federal agencies. Plus we have updates on how energy and mining markets are faring.

Safety Share

Daylight Savings Time ended, and our clocks are turned back. With it getting darker earlier, and staying darker longer, drivers and pedestrians need to be alert as the [potential for harm increases](#).



Historic Election Numbers

This election has already featured a number of historic firsts: record absentee, mail-in and early voting, with more than 100 million Americans casting ballots before Election Day. Turn out on Election Day did not disappoint either. Estimates point to north of 157 million Americans casting ballots in the 2020 election, a more than 65 percent turnout, the highest

percentage in more than a century. However, due to that turnout, and increased early voting this year, many races remain uncalled.



Presidential Contest

Currently, the presidential race stands with at least 248 electoral votes for former Vice President Biden and 214 electoral votes for President Trump. The race will be determined by the six remaining states of Alaska (3 electoral votes), Georgia (16), Michigan (16), Nevada (6), North Carolina (15), and Pennsylvania (20).

In the presidential contest's race to 270 electoral votes, Biden seems to hold a solid lead in Arizona, although controversy and disagreement quickly ensued when one network called Arizona for Biden earlier in the evening. Biden also shows slight leads in Michigan and Nevada. Trump shows tight leads in North Carolina, Georgia and a lead in Pennsylvania although in all states expect changes to those returns throughout the week as election officials continue to have the opportunity to count ballots.

In all federal races, Pennsylvania may count absentee ballots arriving as late as this

Friday, November 6. North Carolina can count absentee ballots as late as November 12, Ohio as late as November 13.

U.S. Senate Tally

In the Senate contests, Republicans hold the edge at 48-47. Republicans won a pick-up in the Alabama Senate race with challenger Tommy Tuberville defeating Senator Doug Jones. Democrats won two pick-ups in the Colorado and Arizona Senate races with Colorado former Governor John Hickenlooper defeating Senators Cory Gardner and Astronaut Mark Kelly besting Martha McSally. Since Arizona is a special election, Democratic challenger Mark Kelly could be serving as Arizona's newest senator. In Maine, Senator Susan Collins has been declared the winner by the AP. The other uncalled races include Michigan where Republican challenger John James has a slight lead over Senator Gary Peters, North Carolina where Senator Thom Tillis has held a growing lead over Democratic challenger Cal Cunningham, and Georgia's regular Senate election where Senator David Perdue maintains a four point advantage over his Democratic challenger Jon Ossof. Reaching over 50 percent is important in the Georgia regular election to avoid a general election runoff on January 5, 2021. With polls closing at 1 a.m. Eastern, Senator Sullivan led his challenger significantly with only one-third of the total vote totals reported. Finally, Senator Kelly Loeffler will face Democratic challenger Raphael Warnock in Georgia's special Senate general election runoff on January 5. Republican incumbents and candidates held competitive seats in Iowa, Kansas, Montana, South Carolina and Texas.

House GOP Gains Seats

This Congress, the House of Representatives' membership was 232 Democratic members, 197 Republican members with five vacant seats and a libertarian on Election Day. Pollsters predicted that the House Democratic Majority would increase its ranks with ten to

fifteen more seats, decreasing Republican numbers into the 180s, the lowest numbers since President Obama was originally elected in 2008. However, with a number of races left to be decided, Republicans have defeated those predictions and increased their numbers to more than 200 seats. Although Republicans will not take a majority in the House, their minority ranks may continue to grow. Some notable races include the defeat of House Agriculture Committee chairman Collin Peterson (D-Minn.), tight contests for Congresswoman Susie Lee (D-Nev.) Congressman Steven Horsford (D-Nev.), Congressman David Schweikert (R-Ariz.), and Matt Cartwright (D-Pa.), and solid wins for Congresswoman Dina Titus (D-Nev.), Congressman Mark Amodei (R-Nev.), Republican Congressional candidate Matt Rosendale (R-Mont.), and Congresswoman Ann Wagner (R-Mo.).

As additional results are reported and finalized, the NMA will keep you advised of all new developments and the possible next steps: lawsuits.

In the States

Hundreds of millions of dollars were spent in support of Democrat and Republican candidates at the state level, but with voting results complete in more than 30 states, there were no changes in control of any lawmaking bodies by early Wednesday. Republicans took back a governor's mansion in Montana that had been held by a retiring Democrat, giving them a total of 27 governor seats, as pro-mining Republican Greg Gianforte defeated Democrat Mike Cooney.

Republicans began Election Day with 59 state legislative chambers. Democrats, with 39 chambers.

Governor race results as of November 4, 12pm ET.

- Delaware: John Carney re-elected
- Indiana: Eric Holcomb re-elected
- Missouri: Mike Parson re-elected
- Montana: Greg Gianforte elected

- New Hampshire: Chris Sununu re-elected
- North Carolina: Roy Cooper re-elected
- North Dakota: Doug Burgrum re-elected
- Utah: Spencer Cox elected
- Vermont: Phil Scott re-elected
- Washington: Jay Inslee re-elected
- West Virginia: Jim Justice re-elected



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★ **1.5M** GOTV emails to mining supporters

★ **410%** increase in traffic to MTV site

★ **10K** MTV flyers, posters and hardhat stickers delivered to mining sites and rallies in:

PA KY MD WV

The background of this section is a grayscale photograph of miners in a tunnel, wearing hard hats and safety gear. The text is overlaid on this image. The numbers '1.5M', '410%', and '10K' are in a large, bold, blue sans-serif font. The descriptions are in a smaller, bold, black sans-serif font. The state abbreviations 'PA', 'KY', 'MD', and 'WV' are placed on dark red silhouettes of the respective state maps.

Congressional Support for Minerals Executive Order

On October 29, a group of 54 Members of Congress, led by Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-Colo.) and Critical Materials Caucus Co-Chair Guy Reschenthaler (R-Pa.), sent a [letter](#) to President Trump expressing support and appreciation for the recently issued [Executive Order 13953, “Addressing the Threat to the Domestic Supply Chain from Reliance on Critical Minerals from Foreign Adversaries.”](#) The letter highlights the need to secure our nation’s critical mineral supply chain and urges the Department of the Interior to utilize all existing authorities, as well as those conferred in EO 13953, to help reduce foreign import reliance for the mineral resources that are the foundations of our economic and national security. NMA will continue to work with the federal departments and White House offices to make recommendations and offer public comments to help implement the short-term and long-term goals in the new executive order.

NMA and Third-Party Voices

NMA is quoted in stories from [Fox News](#), [E&E Energywire](#) and [Yahoo! Finance](#) on how Biden’s energy policy could disrupt the coal industry in the U.S.

NMA’s Rich Nolan was interviewed by [Money Radio](#) about the importance of securing our domestic minerals supply chain.

[The Fred Holland Show](#) also interviewed Rich Nolan in a discussion of minerals and domestic supply chain security (the interview starts at 26:27).

[E&E Greenwire](#) and [Mining.com](#) reported on the US District Court for the District of Columbia’s decision in Earthworks vs. Department of Interior (DOI) that reaffirmed miners’ rights to explore and operate on federal lands pursuant to the Mining Law. Rich Nolan is quoted.

[World Coal](#) quoted Rich Nolan in its coverage of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's (OSMRE) revisions to ten-day notice (TDN) regulations under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA).

[North of 60 Mining News](#) quotes Rich Nolan in a story examining how advanced technologies are creating new demands for an array of minerals and metals.

Energy and Mining News

[Northern Miner has compiled a list](#) of the top 20 global mining companies ranked by the amount of capital they have raised year-to-date in 2020.

[The U.S. Department of Energy announced](#) October 28 the selection of four projects for cost-shared research and development, investing \$80 Million in Net-Zero Carbon Electricity and Hydrogen Plants under the Coal FIRST Initiative.

[The Bismarck Tribune reported](#) that the University of North Dakota's Energy and Environmental Research Center was studying ways to profitably extract and process rare earth elements like graphene from lignite coal.

[Utility Dive reported on analysis from S&P Global](#) indicating that a Biden win could double solar deployments but could also increase financial impacts to customers.

The New York Times published [easily understandable charts](#) showing the changes in fuels used for U.S. electricity generation from 2001 to 2019. In addition to the national view, there are charts for each state.

[Mining Journal reported that gold](#) could hit a new record high according to analysis by Refinitiv.

[The International Copper Study Group's recent analysis shows copper mine](#)

[production](#) down 0.8% through July of this year, with world mine production starting to recover in May “as lockdown measures eased and the copper industry adapted to the strict health protocols.”

[The World Gold Council's latest Gold Demand Trends report](#) shows strong global gold investment demand in the 3rd quarter, partially offset by lower consumer demand as customers battled coronavirus. Year to date, global gold demand is down 10% this year.

[Mining.com reports](#) on recent [analysis](#) by the International Nickel Study Group (INSG) predicting an oversupply of global nickel next year due to higher production levels resuming in Indonesia. “The INSG now sees world output of primary metal at 2.436 million metric tons this year, a marginal 40,000-tonne reduction from the Group’s last forecast in October 2019. Production growth will accelerate from 2.3% this year to 6.2% next year.”



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