

CEO Mine Recap

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May in D.C. (for the most part) has been all about One Big Beautiful Bill.

Speaker Mike Johnson did what many had described as the impossible by ushering the OBBB through the tumultuous House, with a luxurious margin of just one vote.

It's now up to the Senate to come up with its version that can both sway enough members in its chamber to pass, but also retain enough of the House version to ultimately survive and make its way to the President. Speaker Johnson has urged the Senate not to make major changes even as President Trump has said he expects "fairly significant" changes and members of his own cabinet even lobbying for them. With Republicans hoping to pass the bill before the July 4 recess, June promises to be sporty.

Amidst that backdrop, the NMA team continues to work on your behalf—advancing your priorities by engaging lawmakers, submitting comments on proposed rules and reinforcing the essential role our industry plays in economic growth and national security.

NMA, Members Make the Case for Minerals



Last month the NMA's Katie Sweeney testified before the House on ways to enhance our domestic mineral supply chains. Katie highlighted the importance of domestic mining and processing to meet the needs of U.S. economic and national security priorities and gave recommendations on how to counter unfair practices employed by geopolitical rivals. Testimony is [here](#) and the NMA's press release [here](#).

The very next day, Perpetua Resources' Mckinsey Lyon testified before the Senate in a discussion of the Defense Production Act and how the funding it provides offers a crucial "lifeline" to miners in the face of market manipulation tactics from geopolitical adversaries like China. Hearing video and witness testimony is [here](#).

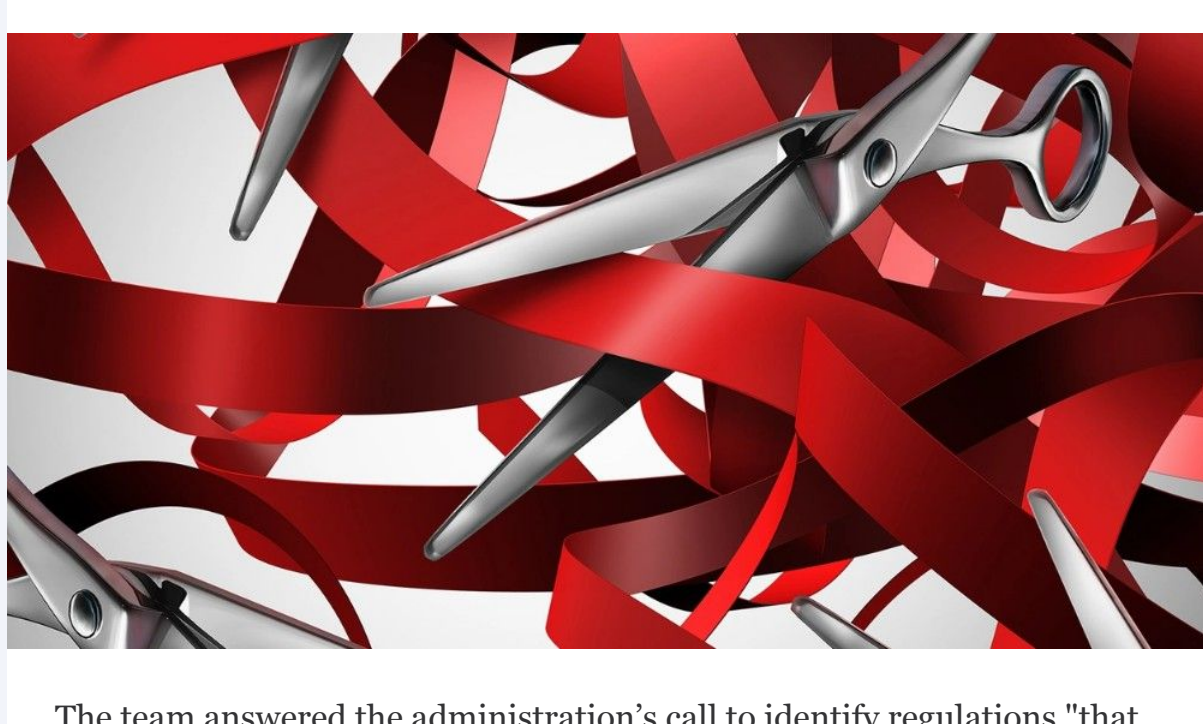
DOE Acts to Counter Energy Emergency



Just days before it was set to close, the Department of Energy [issued an emergency](#) order under its Federal Power Act Section 202(c) authority to keep the J.H. Campbell Power Plant in West Olive, Michigan open in advance of the inevitable summer demand surge.

- To support its action, the order cited tight reserve margins expected during the summer 2025 period, and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) 2025 Summer Reliability Assessment which stated, "[d]emand forecasts and resource data indicate that MISO is at elevated risk of operating reserve shortfalls during periods of high demand or low resource output."

NMA Weighs in on Deregulatory Efforts



The team answered the administration's call to identify regulations "that stifle American businesses and American ingenuity," including regulations "that are unnecessary, unlawful, unduly burdensome, or unsound."

- We filed [comments](#) identifying 40 priority rules that that impede the domestic mining industry, providing the background, justification and recommended action to assist the administration in its review.
- We'll keep you posted on any positive outcomes from this important effort.

Met Coal is Critical



Acting on direction provided in President Trump's executive orders, the Department of Energy formally added metallurgical coal to its Critical Materials list.

- DOE's notice can be found [here](#), with an analysis of why coal is critical to steel is available [here](#), and a description of what qualifies as a critical material along with the updated list found [here](#).

President Trump's April 8 executive order, "Reinvigorating America's Beautiful Clean Coal Industry," asked DOE to determine if coal used in the production of steel meets the definition of a critical material. Read our comment [here](#).

MINExpo INTERNATIONAL Sweeps the Trade Show Awards



All who attended MINExpo INTERNATIONAL 2024 already knew it was the best, but it's now official. In May, the Trade Show Executive's Fastest 50 Grand Awards was held in Orlando to recognize the fastest-growing trade shows in the U.S.

- MINExpo was eligible for awards in three categories and won all three: "The Fastest-Growing Non-Annual Show by Percentage of Growth in Exhibitors and Attendance in 2024," "The Fastest-Growing Non-Annual Show in Sheer Numbers in Net Square Feet, Exhibitors and Attendance in 2024," and "The Fastest-Growing Non-Annual Show by Blended Growth in 2024."

Congratulations to Katie Coon, Vice President of Meetings and Events, and the entire NMA team on the recognition.

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