

# CEO Mine Recap

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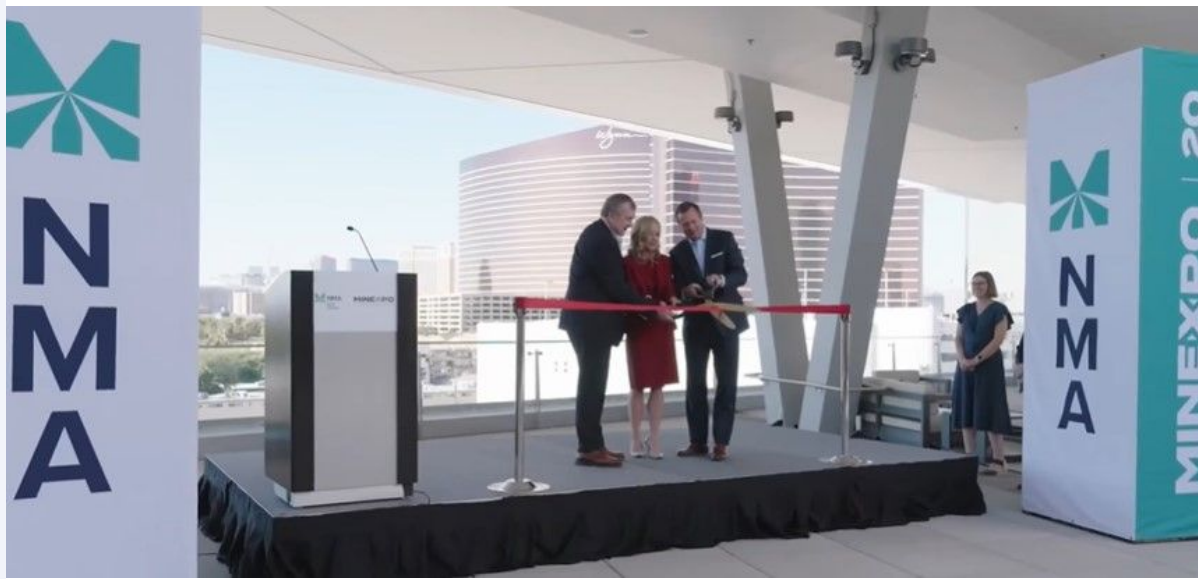
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I'm writing you from the road, visiting our members in Alaska in the midst of a time that seems to bring a daily dose of chaos in the news. The tragic impacts of Hurricane Helene and the flooding that followed, with another potential hurricane on the horizon. An escalating regional conflict in the Middle East. A massive strike impacting many of our nation's ports was quickly resolved, [with the NMA weighing in](#) on the need for a fix. A second attempt on former President Trump's life. All paving a very uncertain path to a historic election that is just 28 days away.

But in that chaotic context, the National Mining Association has much to celebrate. We've just returned from a successful meeting of our Board of Directors and a record breaking [MINExpo INTERNATIONAL® 2024](#). Our members not only showed up, but showed up enthusiastically and *en masse* and brought an energy I've never before seen in any previous MINExpo that I have attended. Thank you all for your support and participation.

We're inside a month until Election Day, and things remain extremely close. In an encouraging note, we are seeing both candidates recognize the importance of mining to our economy, national security and supply chain security. On the campaign trail, [former President Trump has discussed everything from the EPA's flawed powerplant rules](#) to rare earths, and [Vice President Harris emphasized the need for increased domestic minerals production](#) in her economic plan. The NMA team is engaged with both campaigns and we will keep you updated as developments warrant.

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**Thanks to all of our members who exhibited, participated, attended and supported** to make this our best show in history! Read more [here](#).

## Good Samaritan Approaches the Finish Line



The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) **passed the Good Samaritan Remediation of Abandoned Hardrock Mines Act** (H.R. 7779). Find our release [here](#).

Since that move, the NMA and other supporters have been working to advance the Senate-passed bill through the full House of Representatives and to the President for signature.

**Word on the street:** the bill could pass as part of the fiscal 2025 National Defense Authorization Act. Stay tuned.

## Back to the Supreme Court... This Time on NEPA



We're once again taking an industry priority to the nation's highest court, [filing](#) with the Supreme Court in search of much needed clarity on National Environmental Policy Act reviews by federal agencies.

This time we joined with a broad coalition including the American Petroleum Institute, the National Association of Homebuilders, the National Association of Manufacturers and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association in our filing related to *Seven County Infrastructure Coalition v. Eagle Co.*, which considers if NEPA requires federal agencies to study environmental impacts over which they have no regulatory authority.

No date yet for oral arguments but we will keep you posted.

## After Debates, Little Movement in the Polls



In the more contentious of the two debates, Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump faced off in Philadelphia for their first debate. [Polling](#) suggested that Harris had the better night, as she inched [ahead of Trump—slightly—afterwards](#).

The stage was quite different with the Vance-Walz matchup, with [polling](#) showing the very cordial yet pointed debate, which was heavy on policy and light on personal attacks, ending as a near draw.

While there are no additional debates on the schedule, there are sure to be remaining twists and turns in this race before Election Day.

Elections underscore the importance of NMA's Political Action Committees. The NMA has two PACs—MINEPAC and COALPAC—that have been vital to our successful bipartisan outreach on Capitol Hill and across all facets of government. To help support our PACs, contact the NMA's Richard Russell.

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