



AN ALLIANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION AND THE NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) and the National Safety Council (NSC) recognize the value of working collaboratively on health and safety programs. This pooling of resources will result in a more focused relationship, with the objective of developing safety and health programs for the mining industry. Further, through outreach efforts, this Alliance will educate the public, particularly children, about the dangers of exploring active and abandoned mines.

MSHA and NSC will work cooperatively through the Alliance to:

- Develop and distribute information through print and electronic media, including CDs, DVDs and interactive Web-based programs, and establish and maintain links between MSHA's and NSC's Web sites.
- Speak, exhibit or appear at conferences or other events and generate opportunities for MSHA and NSC leadership to speak to safety and health professionals in the mining industry.
- Collaborate on developing and conducting technical sessions for various conferences.
- Identify ways to enhance participation in the NSC Mining and Minerals Resources Industry Section (Mining Section).
- Work with MSHA to expand the NSC's existing relationship with MSHA in the Stay Out-Stay Alive Project.
- Collaborate on special-emphasis programs that target the mining and minerals industry.

Work collaboratively to present clear and accurate statistical information on mining and minerals operations in the United States.

 Identify existing and pilot NSC programs that can be used as part of MSHA's compliance specialists' training, such as first aid and substance abuse.

An implementation team made up of representatives of both organizations will meet to develop a plan of action, determine working procedures, and identify the roles and responsibilities of the participants. They will meet at least quarterly to track and share information on activities and results in achieving the goals of the Alliance. Team members will include MSHA's Office of Educational Policy and Development, as well as other appropriate offices. Designated staff will represent the NSC, and the Chairman of the NSC Mining Section will be a part of the team.

NSC is authorized to use the MSHA Alliance logo on documents, Web pages, or other products relating to or created under the Alliance for as long as the Alliance remains in effect and according to MSHA's "Guidance on the Use of the Alliance Logo." The logo must not be used for fundraising or lobbying efforts or to imply that MSHA endorses a particular entity or its actions or products. MSHA and NSC must approve all materials and products bearing the Alliance logo.

MSHA and NSC will provide all services, products, and resources relating to or created under this Alliance without reimbursement from the other party.

This Agreement will remain in effect until December 31, 2007. Either signatory may terminate the Alliance for any reason at any time, provided 30 days written notice is given. This Agreement may be modified at any time with the concurrence of both signatories.

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