## Tell us your ideas.

Who is most at risk?
How serious is the issue?
What research is needed?
Who are our partners?
How can you make a difference?

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Mining
Services
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities
Wholesale and retail trade

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# SHARE YOUR IDEAS Make a difference for workers in the Mining Sector





#### What is NORA?

The National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA) is a collaborative program to stimulate innovative research in workplace safety and health. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) unveiled NORA in 1996. Over 500 diverse individuals and organizations contributed to the first agenda. Your participation is needed to continue this legacy of collaboration.

NORA is a partnership process to guide occupational safety and health research for improving the safety and health of workers and workplaces.

## Why Mining?

Mining provides many diverse materials from the stone used to build highways to the clays used in paper. Although mining is a technologically sophisticated industry, many of its 300, 000 workers face challenges from confined spaces, cave-ins, and close interaction with large machinery. In addition, miners risk possible exposure to noise, dusts, and toxic or explosive gases. Despite remarkable advances, fatality rates remain nearly five times greater than the national average for all sectors, and the prevalence of lung diseases, hearing loss, and musculoskeletal disorders is unacceptably high.

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#### Share Your Ideas.

What do you think are the top problems facing the mining sector? What are the types of research and approaches needed? How many workers are at risk? How serious is the occupational safety and health issue? What is the probability that new information and approaches will make a difference? Which partners are needed to work on the problem? We want your feedback.

### Attend a Town Hall Meeting

The public meeting for the mining sector will occur on March 1, 2006 in Pittsburgh, PA. There you can make a brief presentation describing the top research needs for the mining sector. Visit the NORA Web page for more information www.cdc.gov/niosh/nora.

#### Mail Your Comments

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