

# **Interstate Mining Compact Commission**

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# Statement of Gregory E. Conrad Executive Director

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## MSHA/IMCC MOU

The health and safety of our Nation's miners is of critical importance to the member states of the Interstate Mining Compact Commission. Several IMCC member states have robust, comprehensive programs for assuring the safety and health of miners and these states work in tandem with MSHA to accomplish similar objectives, particularly in the areas of training, certification, accident investigation and inspection and enforcement. While the states have worked cooperatively and in close coordination with MSHA over the years, today's MOU clarifies and solidifies our working relationship. Under the terms of the MOU, we believe that the states and MSHA are well positioned to implement our respective responsibilities under state and federal mine safety and health laws in a spirit of effective and efficient communication, cooperation and coordination on matters of mutual concern and interest.

The Interstate Mining Compact Commission is an organization composed of the Governors of its 24 member states. Representing the natural resource, environmental protection and miner safety and health interests of its member states, IMCC provides a forum for interstate action and communication on issues concerning mining and related issues. The Commission has established a standing committee on mine safety and health whose purpose is to monitor issues, policies, regulations and statutes that would impact the states and to establish a meaningful state/federal relationship with MSHA on matters of mutual concern and interest. For further information, contact Gregory Conrad, Executive Director at (703) 709-8654 or <a href="mailto:gconrad@imcc.isa.us">gconrad@imcc.isa.us</a>. The organization's website is <a href="mailto:www.imcc.isa.us">www.imcc.isa.us</a>.

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