

Minerals Make Life is a National Mining Association initiative.



MINERALS

MAKE

LIFE



October 18, 2012

Dear Joe,

For years, American mining has found innovative ways to continuously improve our best practices, share knowledge and positively impact the communities in which we operate. Mining takes its obligations to its neighbors seriously.

While an outdated permitting process does harm American mining's ability to attract investment, it doesn't change our commitment to environmental stewardship. Mining continues to meet and exceed strict government environmental regulations, with a commitment to make further strides.

To that end, environmental professionals from the National Mining Association (NMA) and the Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration (SME) recently joined together to help companies implement a comprehensive Environmental Management System. This collaborative effort produced **The Hardrock Mining and Beneficiation Environmental Management Guide**--a performance tool developed to benefit hard rock mining companies, particularly smaller operations.

American minerals mining will keep striving to improve, create jobs, generate economic growth and be a good neighbor. Your support puts us one step closer to those goals.

Best,

Hal Quinn
President and CEO
National Mining Association

P.S. As we enter the final stretch towards Election Day, be sure to visit **Mine the Vote** to find out the candidates' positions on mining issues, obtain absentee ballots and learn how to vote early.

To learn more about minerals and what they mean to America, visit mineralsmakelife.org.

ABOUT NMA

The National Mining Association (NMA) is the voice of American mining in Washington, D.C. NMA is the only national trade organization that represents the interests of mining before Congress, the administration, federal agencies, the judiciary and the media.

