



Memorandum

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Final NMA Comments in Response to Interior Department's Request for Information on Reducing Regulatory Burdens

Yesterday, the National Mining Association (NMA) submitted [comments](#) in response to the Department of the Interior's (DOI) [request](#) for information (RFI) to identify existing regulations that can be modified or repealed to ensure that DOI administrative actions do not undermine the national interest and that DOI achieves a meaningful reduction in regulatory burdens. Recall, the RFI was part of the DOI's implementation of recent directives from the President's Executive Order (EO) 14154, "[Unleashing American Energy](#)," and EO 14192, "[Unleashing Prosperity through Deregulation](#)," that prioritized alleviating unnecessary regulatory burdens placed on the energy industry and the American people. See NMA's [memorandum](#) for more information. DOI also [extended](#) the comment period 30 days.

The NMA's submission built from our recent submission to the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) RFI on deregulatory actions as a baseline. See NMA's [memorandum](#) and [submission](#) to OMB for more detail. We supplemented the OMB submission with additional DOI entries related to: (1) the streamlining of Federal Register reviews for National Environmental Policy Act documents; (2) reducing scope creep of other environmental statutes; (3) reviewing practices for the designation of Areas of Critical Environmental Concern; (4) reviewing the application of the patented non-

mineral (surface) estate regulations to the Stock-Raising Homestead Act privatized surface; (5) and revising the regulations implementing the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

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