



Memorandum

Health and Safety Committee
Manufactures and Services

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MSHA Comment Period Extension for Select Proposed Rules

The Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) has extended the public comment period for five of the 19 proposed deregulation rulemakings originally published [June 30, 2025](#) and [July 1, 2025](#). The new deadline for submitting feedback on the rules listed below is September 2, 2025.

Proposed Rules with extended comment periods:

- [**Electronic Surveying Equipment in Underground Mines**](#)
- [**Powered Air Purifying Respirators in Underground Mines**](#)
- [**Roof Control Plan Approval Criteria**](#)
- [**Ventilation Plan Approval Criteria**](#)
- [**Training and Retraining of Miners**](#)

As discussed during our July 10, 2025 meeting, NMA plans to submit brief comments in support of the remaining 14 proposals, which primarily concern outdated technologies and redundant language. The comment period for those rules has not been extended.

We will provide the more substantive draft comments on the five proposals with the extended timeframes to members in advance of the new deadline. If you have any questions, please reach out to pkrivokuca@nma.org.

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