



Memorandum

TO: Government Affairs Committee
Mineral Policy Task Force
Coal Policy Task Force

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SUBJECT: NMA President and CEO to Testify Before House Natural Resources Committee on Permitting Reform

On Wednesday, September 10, at 10:00 a.m., National Mining Association (NMA) President and CEO Rich Nolan will testify before the House Natural Resources Committee in support of Chairman Bruce Westerman's (R-Ark.) [H.R. 4776](#), the bipartisan "Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development (SPEED) Act." Please find a link to the hearing [here](#). Additional bills being considered at the hearing include:

- Rep. Rudy Yakym's (R-Ind.) [H.R. 573](#), the "Studying NEPA's Impact on Projects Act,"
- Rep. Dusty Johnson's (R-S.D.) [H.R. 4503](#), the "ePermit Act."

The bipartisan SPEED Act, co-sponsored by Rep. Jared Golden (D-Maine), would streamline the NEPA process by clarifying its procedural scope, focusing agency reviews on impacts closely tied to proposed projects, and allowing state or tribal reviews to meet federal requirements. Please find a link to the NMA's memo on the SPEED Act [here](#).

Next Steps

The NMA will continue to work with allies in the House and Senate to advance durable and lasting permitting reforms that benefit industry and allow for a robust domestic energy and mineral supply chain. For more information about Wednesday's hearing or if you have any questions, please reach out to Justin Prosser (jprosser@nma.org) or Martha Newell (mnewell@nma.org).

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