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Statement on White House AI Action Plan

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The National Mining Association (NMA) today issued the following statement from its president and CEO Rich Nolan on the new AI action plan issued by the White House.

“The administration’s recognition of the importance of existing power plants and prioritization of safeguarding them is clear acknowledgement that the coal fleet is essential to U.S. AI leadership. For the U.S. to guide and shape the AI revolution – and seize this tremendous opportunity – we need a grid and energy resources capable of shouldering the enormous new electricity demand now on our doorstep. Prioritizing the ongoing operation of essential coal plants – with the capacity to meet increased demand – combined with reforming our power markets around the goal of grid stability articulated in this action plan puts us firmly on the path for success.”

Notably, the Plan includes the policy recommendation to: “Stabilize the grid of today as much as possible. This initial phase acknowledges the need to safeguard existing assets and ensures an uninterrupted and affordable supply of power. The United States must prevent the premature decommissioning of critical power generation resources and explore innovative ways to harness existing capacity, such as leveraging extant backup power sources to bolster grid reliability during peak demand. A key element of this stabilization is to ensure every corner of the electric grid is in

compliance with nationwide standards for resource adequacy and sufficient power generation capacity is consistently available across the country.”

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The National Mining Association (NMA) is the voice of the American mining industry in Washington, D.C. Membership includes more than 250 corporations involved in all aspects of mining including mineral and coal producers, mineral processors, equipment manufacturers, state mining associations, bulk transporters, engineering firms, consultants, financial institutions and other companies that supply goods and services to the mining industry.

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