

Statement for the Mine Safety and Health Administration Public Meeting on Request for  
Information on Exposure of Underground Miners to Diesel Exhaust  
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Good morning. I am Mark Ellis, and I am the President of IMA-NA -- the Industrial Minerals Association – North America. IMA-NA is a nonprofit 501(c)(6) trade association representing North American producers and processors of industrial minerals and associate members that support the industrial minerals industry. Industrial minerals are feed stocks for the manufacturing and agricultural sectors. They are the ingredients for many of the products used in everyday life, such as glass, ceramics, paper, plastics, paints and coatings, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals and laundry detergent. Our companies and the people they employ are proud of their industry and the socially responsible methods they use to deliver these beneficial resources. IMA-NA represents producers and processors of ball clay, barite, bentonite, borates, calcium carbonate, diatomite, feldspar, industrial sand, kaolin, soda ash, talc and wollastonite.

Safety and health are of paramount concern to IMA-NA's member companies, which is why we come before you today to address MSHA's Request for Information on Exposure of Underground Miners to Diesel Exhaust. With me today are Mr. Richard Pasquier, General Counsel of Tronox Alkali, and Dr. Roger McClellan, an advisor on toxicology and human health risk analysis. Mr. Pasquier serves as the chairman of IMA-NA's Diesel Emissions Task Force and Dr. McClellan serves as an advisor to that Task Force. IMA-NA appreciates the opportunity to put these comments before MSHA for consideration. Written copies of our oral presentations are available to the reporter preparing verbatim transcripts and to the MSHA panel for the rulemaking record. So, without further ado, please allow me turn the microphone over to Mr. Pasquier and Dr. McClellan.