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Dear Director Noe:

Please find attached the extension request from Nevada gold Mines on MSHA's proposed RIN 1219-AB36, *Lowering Miners' Exposure: Respirable Crystalline Silica and Improving Respiratory Protection*, as published in the Federal Register on July 13, 2023.

Regards



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Re: RIN 1219-AB36, Docket Number: MSHA-2023-0001

Dear Director Noe:

Nevada Gold Mines (NGM) respectfully requests a 120-day extension to the comment period provided in MSHA's proposed RIN 1219-AB36, *Lowering Miners' Exposure: Respirable Crystalline Silica and Improving Respiratory Protection*, as published in the Federal Register on July 13, 2023. MSHA has requested comments in 43 specific areas within a 45-day comment period. That timeframe is insufficient to provide thoughtful and meaningful comments on all 43 sections.

Nevada Gold Mines is a joint venture between Barrick (61.5%) and Newmont (38.5%) that combined our significant assets across Nevada in 2019 to create the single largest gold-producing complex in the world. Nevada Gold Mines employs over 7,000 people in Northern Nevada.

The proposed rule has extensive implications, and a thorough examination of its technical aspects, economic impact, and feasibility is essential for successful implementation. Extension of the comment period will allow all stakeholders, including industry representatives, trade associations, safety experts, and labor organizations, to conduct research, gather data, and engage in constructive dialogue. This additional time will also facilitate collaboration among the interested parties, promoting a more inclusive and transparent rulemaking process. It also allows sufficient time to address questions or concerns raised during the comment period.

The final rulemaking process will be greatly enhanced by providing sufficient time to review each of the 43 sections in a comprehensive and collaborative manner. Nevada Gold Mines kindly requests that MSHA extend the comment period for 120 days and establish the comment deadline as December 26, 2023.

We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,
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