



Office of the State Mine Inspector

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July 15th, 2026

Dear Mine Operators and Contractors,

The New Mexico Mining Association, and the New Mexico Bureau of Mine Safety will once again be awarding mine operators throughout New Mexico for outstanding safety performance.



The period for the awards is from *July 1st, 2025 to June 30th, 2026*. Mining companies can enter in three categories:

- Safe Operator of the Year
- Zero Frequency
- Rescue Response Award

The forms for each award category are attached. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact Chris Hefner at (505) 552-1532 or Cotton Jarrell at (505) 285-3048.

Forms must be completed and returned to the New Mexico Bureau of Mine Safety, and to the NMMA Safety Chair and Committee by Friday, August 14th, 2026. Our address will be located on the bottom of each application.

- A PDF attachment of each application is preferred and appreciated.
- Please send a PDF application attachment separately for each award category.

Sincerely,

Chris Hefner
NM State Mine Inspector



SAFE OPERATOR OF THE YEAR ~ 2025/2026

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For the 2026 awards, the minimum criteria apply for Safe Operator of the Year consideration:

- Frequency rate below the national average.
- No fatalities during that period.

A separate form for each Mine ID that you want considered is required.

Company Name

Mine Name

Mine ID Number (MSHA ID Number)

Accident/Injury Statistics for **July 1st, 2025 - June 30th 2026** within the following categories (check only one):

Category	Check One
Underground Coal Mining	<input type="checkbox"/>
Surface Coal Mining	<input type="checkbox"/>
NM Contractors (NM work hours and accidents only)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Underground Metal/Non-Metal Mining	<input type="checkbox"/>
Surface Metal/Non-Metal Mining (M/NM)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stone Quarries, Sand & Gravel (all types)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Metal and Non-Metal Mills	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-Producing Operations (includes reclamation projects and government projects)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Was your facility a **producing mine** (did it produce marketable products) throughout the year?

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Statistical Data:

Employee hours of exposure as reported on your MSHA 7000-2 Quarterly Reports from **July 1st, 2025 - June 30th 2026**.

Number of MSHA Reportable Injuries:

$$\text{Frequency Rate} = \frac{\text{No. Reportable Injuries} \times 200,000}{\text{Employee hours of exposure}}$$

- Contractor injuries at your site should be included.
- Rates will be compared to MSHA website.
- MSHA citations will be used as a tiebreaker.
- Contractors applying should only report hours and accidents occurring in New Mexico.

During July 2024 - June 2025, please list:

Statistical Category	Number
Lost-Time injuries	
Total lost workdays	
Total restricted work activity injuries	
Fatalities	

Name of Company Official *(please print)*

Title of Company Official *(please print)*

Phone Number

Email Address

Signature

- Please reply by **Friday, August 14th at 5:00 pm.**
- Return this form as a PDF attachment to *(please copy all three addresses below to your email):*
Email: wjarrell@peabodyenergy.com | chris.hefner@nmt.edu | bms.nm@npe.nmt.edu
Address: NM Bureau of Mine Safety
 801 Leroy Place | ROB # 128
 Socorro, NM 87801

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SAFETY AWARD PROGRAM ~ 2025/2026
ZERO FREQUENCY CERTIFICATE

Please fill out your information on the certificate below, and return to us. Fill out one certificate for each department or division.

I submit the following departments or divisions (mechanical, mine, repair, etc.), which have achieved a **Zero Injury Frequency** for the July 1st, 2025 - June 30th, 2026 period.

This department or division had zero reportable injuries, as recorded on the MSHA 7000-1 form during this time period. Please fill out the information below, and return with a completed certificate for each department or division.

Company Name *(please print)*

Mine Name *(please print)*

MSHA ID Number *(please print)*

Phone Number *(please print)*

Email Address *(please print)*

Name and Title of Company Official *(please print)*

Signature

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Please fill out your information on the certificate below, and return to us *(fill out one for every crew you want to receive a certificate).*

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Certificate of Merit

Safety Award

Mining Company Name

Mine Name

Crew or Group Name

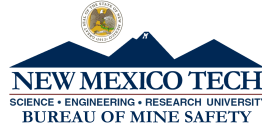
Presented by the New Mexico State Mine Inspector, and the New Mexico Mining Association in recognition of superior performance, in promoting safety in the Mining Industry by achieving a Zero Frequency Rate in their operations.

Date

New Mexico State Mine Inspector

Executive Director, New Mexico Mining Association





SAFETY AWARD PROGRAM ~ 2025/2026
RESCUE RESPONSE AWARD NOMINATION FORM

These awards will be given to individuals or groups employed at New Mexico mines, who utilized their First Aid, First Responder, EMT, or Mine Rescue skills in a rescue role. The rescue involvement may be on or off a mine site. Please submit a separate page describing the action for which the individual(s) is/are being nominated. I submit the following individual or group whose actions led to the rescue of an individual(s) during the period **July 1st, 2025 - June 30th, 2026.**

Name of Individual(s)	Company Name / Mine Name

Company Name *(please print)*

Mine Name *(please print)*

MSHA ID Number *(please print)*

Phone Number *(please print)*

Email Address *(please print)*

Name and Title of Company Official *(please print)*

Signature

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