

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
118th Congress Disclosure Form
As required by and provided for in House Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5)

A legislative hearing on the following bills: H.R. _____ (Westerman), “Transparency and Production of American Energy Act of 2023”; and H.R. 209 (Stauber), “Permitting for Mining Needs Act of 2023.”

For Individuals:

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

Name: Rich Nolan
Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing: National Mining Association
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For Nongovernment Witnesses ONLY:

1. Please attach/include current curriculum vitae or resume.



Rich Nolan is president and chief executive officer of the National Mining Association (NMA).

The NMA is the only national trade organization that serves as the nonpartisan voice of the U.S. mining industry – and the hundreds of thousands of American workers it employs – before members of Congress of all parties, the federal agencies, the judiciary and the media, advocating for public policies that will help America fully and responsibly utilize its vast natural resources. NMA member companies represent a diverse range of companies, from resource explorers, developers and producers to equipment manufacturers – and the service providers who support them all. As president and CEO, he directs the association’s public policy efforts before Congress, regulatory agencies and the White House, and sets the association’s strategic agenda for media relations, grassroots communications and political involvement.

In his first three years leading the NMA, Mr. Nolan led a resurgence in new members, growing membership in both traditional and emerging minerals commodities; established the association’s first Environment, Social and Governance Task Force; created the association’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion program; and spearheaded the association’s first rebrand in more than two decades.

He is a frequent contributor and commentator on cable news and is featured in print and online outlets across the country.

With more than 20 years of experience advocating on many natural resources sector issues, Mr. Nolan most recently served the NMA for 13 years as Senior Vice President of Government and Political Affairs. His three decades in government affairs and political advocacy have spanned a number of industries including mining, forestry, paper, chemicals and agriculture. His career began on Capitol Hill, where he served as an aide to several members of Congress and worked as an advisor on multiple campaign committees. After his time on the Hill, he held leadership roles at associations and firms focusing on natural resources and environmental issues, including the American Forest & Paper Association, CropLife America and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, among others.

Mr. Nolan is a member of the Board of the U.S. Energy Association.

2. Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract.

None.

3. Please list any contracts or payments originating with a foreign government related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the amount and country of origin of each contract or payment.

None.

4. Please disclose whether you are a fiduciary (including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or resident agent) of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing.

None.

5. Please list any current or pending litigation against the Federal government to which you or your organization is a party. Please disclose as applicable case name, docket number, the court, and subject matter of the litigation.

NMA is involved in two challenges to the Step 1 WOTUS rule:

- American Farm Bureau Federation v. EPA, Civil Action No. 3:23-cv-0032, U.S. District Court for the District of North Dakota, Eastern Division, filed 2/22/23
- American Farm Bureau Federation v. EPA, Civil Action No. 3:23-cv-20, U.S. District Court for the District of Southern Texas, Galveston Division, filed 1/18/23

NMA has appealed the U.S. District Court for the District of Montana decision (*Citizens for Clean Energy v. DOI*) reimposing the 2016 coal moratorium in the U.S. Court of Appeal for the Ninth Circuit, 4:17-cv-00030-BMM, filed 10/7/22.

NMA remains an intervenor in support of DOI in Earthworks' appeal of a U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia decision (*Earthworks v. DOI*) upholding two BLM rules (1) the 2003 Mill Site Rule, 68 Fed. Reg. 61,046, (October 24, 2003); and (2) the 2008 Mining Claim Rule, 73 Fed. Reg. 73,789 (December 4, 2008). No. 20-5382, appeal filed 12/20/20.