

Liben, Paul

From: Liben, Paul
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 4:01 PM
To: Almstead, Deidre; Haus, Bob; Habansky, Sarah; Haddad, Zead; Hynes, Shaylyn
Cc: Gerdes, Stan
Subject: RE: October 3rd-NMA

Thanks

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From: Almstead, Deidre
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 2:34 PM
To: Haus, Bob <Bob.Haus@hq.doe.gov>; Habansky, Sarah <Sarah.Habansky@hq.doe.gov>; Haddad, Zead <Zead.Haddad@hq.doe.gov>; Liben, Paul <Paul.Liben@hq.doe.gov>; Hynes, Shaylyn <Shaylyn.Hynes@hq.doe.gov>
Cc: Gerdes, Stan <Stan.Gerdes@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: FW: October 3rd-NMA

Speech info for Oct 3

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From: Pheleps, Moya [mailto:MPheleps@nma.org]
Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2017 3:07 PM
To: Goudarzi, Talat <Talat.Goudarzi@hq.doe.gov>; Nolan, Rich <RNolan@nma.org>
Cc: Almstead, Deidre <Deidre.Almstead@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: RE: October 3rd-NMA

Talat:

Attached is the completed speaker form for NMA's board meeting and Secretary Perry's remarks on Oct. 3 at 11 a.m. Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information. Moving forward should I contact Deidre Almstead to finalize the details, etc.
Thank you very much.
Moya

Moya Pheleps
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From: Pheleps, Moya
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2017 12:44 PM
To: 'Goudarzi, Talat' <Talat.Goudarzi@hq.doe.gov>; Nolan, Rich <RNolan@nma.org>
Cc: Almstead, Deidre <Deidre.Almstead@hq.doe.gov>

Subject: RE: October 3rd-NMA

Talat:

Thank you for getting back to me and we are excited that Secretary Perry will be able to speak at 11 a.m. on Oct. 3 to NMA's Board of Directors. I will complete the form and get it to you this afternoon.

Thank you very much.

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Hi Moya,

Thank you so much for touching base. The Secretary will be able to do 11 AM on October the 3rd! We look forward to the event.

If you could please fill out the attached form and email it back to me as soon as possible, that would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you so much,

Tala Goudarzi

Office of the Secretary

Department of Energy

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Talat:

Good morning. I just want to check back with you to see if you have had an opportunity to review my email from yesterday concerning times for Secretary Perry to speak at NMA's Fall Board of Directors meeting. I want to be sure we get his time confirmed before I move on to confirming other speakers.

Thank you very much.

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Tala:

Good afternoon...I am coordinating the board meeting. We are excited to have Secretary Perry speak at the NMA meeting. Ideally, breakfast on Oct. 3 or 4 would be great. We have the most flexibility with time at the breakfasts. If neither one of those times will work, either 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. the morning of Oct. 3 are available. Look forward to working with you.

Thank you very much.

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Tala, Terrific!! Looping in Moya Phelleps with NMA to coordinate a good time slot. Rich

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Cc: Almstead, Deidre <Deidre.Almstead@hq.doe.gov>
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Hi Rich,

Secretary Perry would love to participate in October 3rd. What times are available to speak with the group?

Thanks so much,

Tala Goudarzi
Office of the Secretary
Department of Energy

Liben, Paul

From: Liben, Paul
Sent: Tuesday, October 03, 2017 11:15 AM
To: Wilmot, Dan; Haddad, Zead; McCormack, Brian
Cc: Haus, Bob; Wallwork, Luke
Subject: RE: Remarks National Mining Association Meeting - Wednesday, October 4th.

Dan, according to the event brief, the format is traditional stage and podium.

The audience is NMA's board of directors -- CEOs from the major coal, metals, and minerals producers, as well as mining equipment manufacturers.

The expected size of the audience is 120 people.

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To: Habansky, Sarah <Sarah.Habansky@hq.doe.gov>
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Thoughts?

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Just so everyone is on the same page...I told Rich Nolan at NMA that due to late travel schedule we're not going to commit at this time to questions. Will talk to S1 in the morning and we can call it on site.

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Attached is the remarks.

Re: the Q&As^(b) (5)

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FYI- the event form didn't list this- NMA just asked for some Q&A at the end, so it will be ~20 min of remarks w/ 10 min of Q&A- let me know if any one has any issues w/ this- thanks!

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Hang on everyone. Luke, (b) (5)

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**Remarks by Secretary Perry
Board of Directors Meeting
National Mining Association
Washington, D.C.
Tuesday, October 3, 2017**

Thank you for that introduction.

Let me say a few words about the terrible atrocity in Las Vegas that has shaken our nation.

It's as close to pure evil as anything in this world.

Our hearts go out to the friends and loved ones of those who perished so needlessly.

We grieve with them in their loss.

We pray for our country and that the fires of hatred behind these mass killings will be extinguished.

Let us remember the people of Las Vegas in our thoughts and prayers...

I want to welcome all of you to Washington this morning.

I am honored to join you at this meeting of the National Mining Association.

Given what has happened, we could use some good news today.

Most of what I say today will be good news.

And the heart of that good news is that our country is in the midst of a full-blown energy revolution.

And thanks to President Trump's leadership, coal will play a vital role in that revolution as we move toward energy independence and his goal of energy dominance.

But before I talk about that, let me remind you of the frankly bizarre paradox America has faced regarding this great fossil fuel.

The paradox is this:

On the one hand, America has vast coal reserves – enough to meet our energy needs for the next 200 to 300 years.

On the other hand, for years and often decades, Washington has often waged war against this vital resource.

The enemies of coal would have us believe that burning coal unleashes a scourge upon the earth, polluting everything in its path.

But that view, even if it were true decades ago, is utterly false today – and don't let anybody tell you otherwise.

Let me explain what I mean.

When it comes to coal or any other fossil fuel, there have been two main approaches to cleaner power.

One is to regulate...the other is to innovate.

One is to attack freedom by punishing whole industries – stifling production and killing jobs in the name of promoting clean energy.

The other is to increase freedom and allow American ingenuity to create the technology we need so we can increase production and make our energy sources cleaner.

One of these approaches forces us to choose between growing our energy supply and supporting a cleaner environment.

The other says we can and will do both through technology.

Well, guess what?

We can do both.... we are doing both....and that is America's amazing energy story.

Thanks to American ingenuity, new technology has met the challenge, so coal burns cleaner than ever before.

Over the past three decades, the U.S. coal fleet has dramatically reduced emissions of air pollutants.

And I am proud to say that much of this progress has come from one of energy's few bright spots in Washington – my Department's Clean Coal Technology Program.

Founded in 1985 as a dynamic partnership between government and industry, this program has helped unleash America's clean-coal revolution.

This year, we saw more evidence of clean-coal progress...as our nation's first commercial carbon capture system at a coal-fired plant – the Petra Nova facility in Texas – became operational.

The plan removes 90 percent of the CO₂ after coal is burned to generate energy in a clean way and then uses that captured carbon for enhanced oil recovery.

Such progress shows the absolute folly of overregulating coal in the name of protecting the environment.

And there is more good news to report:

Under President Trump's leadership, Washington's philosophy on coal has done a complete, 180-degree turn for the better.

Instead of penalizing energy sources like coal, we are honoring coal's contribution to America's fuel mix.

America's new policy is to encourage our entire menu of energy options – an “all-of-the-above” strategy for the nation.

That's why the President issued an executive order earlier this year calling for a review of every regulation across Washington that burdens energy development.

It's why he authorized constructing the Keystone XL and Dakota Access Pipelines and halted previously approved, overly restrictive EPA standards for oil and gas.

And it's why he signed legislation repealing a rule that hampered coal development.

Clearly, the President wants to revive, not revile, this vital resource.

Coal is coming back big-time.

For the first half of this year, total coal production increased by 25 percent compared to the same period one year ago.

Coal mining jobs have increased between January and May.

Clearly, increased energy production, including coal production, means not only greater energy security, but greater economic security for America.

But the good news doesn't end there.

For the first quarter of 2017, coal exports were 58 percent higher than in the same quarter last year.

That means that when it comes to coal production, as well as other types of energy production, we are on a path not only to energy independence, but energy dominance.

And that is good for our national security as well as our energy security and our economic security.

It means we are not only freeing ourselves from energy dependence on unfriendly nations, we are helping friends and allies do likewise.

One obvious example is Ukraine, which has long been dependent on Russia for energy.

In late August, the first shipment of Pennsylvania thermal coal to Ukraine left the Port of Baltimore.

But while America's energy landscape has changed there is at least one remaining challenge on the road to energy dominance – getting the right mix of these energy sources onto our electric grid.

That is why, earlier this year, I directed DOE staff to develop a major study on our grid.

As noted by the study, we need an energy grid that not only delivers electricity affordably, but has reliability and resilience.

The good news is that our “all-of-the-above” energy strategy allows for two of the most effective energy sources for maintaining grid reliability – coal and nuclear.

If we care about the performance of our electrical grid, we have to harness more, not less, of these resources for our future.

And that is why, last Friday, I formally proposed that FERC, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, issue a final rule requiring its organized markets to develop and implement reforms that would fully price generation resources necessary to maintain grid reliability and resiliency.

In simple English, I asked FERC to take action to fix distorted markets that are threatening grid resiliency.

Make no mistake:

We are in a bright new era of energy abundance that is leading us to energy independence and eventual energy dominance.

If we stay the course, embracing...

...the freedom to innovate that unleashes new technology which drives prices down and unleashes production....;

...an “all-of-the-above” strategy...;

...and our energy grid challenges, we will achieve dominance in our time, benefitting the safety, security, and prosperity of our nation at home and our allies abroad.

Thank you.