Social, Economic, and Labor Opportunities Subcommittee for Michigan's Mining Future

Thursday January 7 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Agenda

9:00	Welcome, Introductions and Roll Call
9:15	Path forward for the next 9 months (monthly meetings)
9:30	Review consolidated and new topic areas
10:00	Assign topic areas to individuals to add detail

Topic Areas SELO Subcommittee:

- 1. Assemble and disseminate information on the economic and social impact of all types of mining (extractive industries) in the State of Michigan.
- Review and develop education programs and curriculums that support energetic and bright workforces; including students, researchers, and faculty members, that will help solve diverse mining-related problems
 - Increase enrollment in mining-related programs, due to limited in-state job opportunity
- 3. Review and make recommendations to improve unemployment benefit amount and duration for laid-off miners due to the cyclical nature of mining.
- 4. Community education: create and disseminate a public awareness campaign regarding our dependency on mineral resources.
 - Include Michigan's important role and social obligation in supplying minerals our society needs.
 - Address public misconceptions about mining.
 - Promote responsible mining initiatives
- 5. Tax assessments on mineral reserves (inferred to be part of "Permitting the correct reserves" topic)
 - Permitting Fees
 - Property tax vs severance tax (provide education on process)
 - Ore body (tax) vs inferred resource
- 6. Sensitivities from regulators, elected officials, and community towards mining results in consequences that delay in regulatory decision making. How does the mining industry move away from being treated differently than other industries?
 - Promote responsible mining initiatives that provide a blue print for transparency in communication and engagement

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7. Achieving and maintaining the publics' trust and support of the committee