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## About Mining Week...

NMA Mining Week is a weekly publication of the National Mining Association. Mining Week archives are always available online at [www.nma.org](http://www.nma.org).

## Obama wins White House; Democrats increase majorities in House and Senate

Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) this week defeated Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) and will be sworn in as America's 44<sup>th</sup> president on Jan. 20. Obama clinched the presidency by capturing 364 electoral votes, well above the 270 needed to win, compared to the 163 won by McCain. Nationally, Obama won 53 percent of the popular vote compared with McCain's 46 percent share.

On Capitol Hill, when the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress convenes in January, if current results stand, pending re-counts and still undeclared races, Democrats will have significantly expanded their majorities by six seats in the Senate and 18 seats in the House of Representatives, with eight races still undecided.

If the current results hold, the Senate will consist of 57 Democrats, including two Independents who caucus with them, and 43 Republicans. The Senate currently stands at 51 Democrats and 49 Republicans. The make-up of the House will be approximately 254 Democrats to 173 Republicans, up from the current 236 to 199.

Prior to the start of the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress next year, there remains a possibility that the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress could reconvene before year's end, possibly to take-up an economic stimulus package and other measures.

"The U.S. mining industry congratulates President-elect Obama and the new members of the Senate and House of Representatives who will soon join their colleagues to form the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress," said NMA President and CEO Hal Quinn in a Nov. 5 statement. "NMA is  
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*President-elect Obama will be sworn in on Jan. 20. Democrats will enjoy increased majorities in both the House of Representatives and Senate when the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress convenes in January.*

## NMA's Mine the Vote program helps thousands of mining community supporters



Election Day 2008 saw a record number of Americans vote and NMA's online Mine the Vote voter mobilization program helped tens of thousands of mining community supporters make their voice heard on election day. More than 127 million Americans voted this year, the largest number of voters in U.S. history, with 64 percent of eligible voters casting a ballot.

For the mining community, more than 144,000 supporters used [www.minethevote.org](http://www.minethevote.org) this election year to find information on how to register, how to vote early and where to vote.

Mine the Vote was designed to help supporters of the mining community, such as employees, family, friends and retirees, effectively participate in federal elections, ensuring that

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eager to work with the new administration and Congress on a wide range of issues that were featured prominently throughout the campaigns of both political parties.”

“We share a common concern with our newly elected leaders and the American people for policies that will help America prosper,” said Quinn.

“U.S. mining companies and the equipment manufacturers and suppliers who service and supply them provide hundreds of thousands of jobs across

the country, generate half of our nation’s electricity with affordable coal, and provide the metals and minerals that are the building blocks of our society.”

“NMA has enjoyed strong bipartisan support for public policies that underpin our ability to provide secure domestic coal, metals and minerals to meet our nation’s energy and economic needs,” Quinn said. “We look forward to the work we have ahead and the opportunity to reach out to Congress and the administration on securing the interests of the American people.” ✕

**A snapshot of congressional races**

The following is a look at key congressional races for the mining community that are not subject to a recount or too close to call. At press time, the Senate race in Alaska between incumbent Ted Stevens (R) and Mark Begich (D) was too close to call, while a contest between incumbent Minnesota Sen. Norm Coleman (R) and challenger Al Franken (D) will undergo a mandatory recount. Incumbent Saxby Chambliss (R-Ga.) may also face a run-off election next month.

**Winners:**

*Senate*

- John Barrasso (R-Wyo.)
- Max Baucus (D-Mont.)
- John Cornyn (R-Texas)
- Michal Enzi (R-Wyo.)
- Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.)
- Jim Risch (R-Idaho)
- John Rockefeller (D-W.Va.)
- Jeff Sessions (R-Ala.)
- Mark Udall (D-Colo.)
- Tom Udall (D-N.M.)
- Mark Warner (D-Va.)
- Roger Wicker (R-Miss.)

*House*

- Steve Austria (R-Ohio) won open seat
- John Boccieri (D-Ohio) won open seat
- Mike Coffman (R-Colo.) won open seat
- Parker Griffith (D-Ala.) won open seat
- Brett Guthrie (R-Ky.) won open seat
- Cynthia Loomis (R-Wyo.) won open seat
- Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-Mo.) won open seat
- Aaron Schock (R-Ill.) won open seat
- Steve Stivers (R-Ohio) won open seat

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**Race for the White House in mining states**

The following is a breakdown of state-by-state presidential election results in key mining states (winner highlighted in bold):

Alaska: Obama 36%  
**McCain** 62%

Alabama: Obama 39%  
**McCain** 61%

Arizona: Obama 45%  
**McCain** 54%

Colorado: **Obama** 53%  
McCain 46%

Idaho: Obama 36%  
**McCain** 62%

Illinois: **Obama** 62%  
McCain 37%

Indiana: **Obama** 50%  
McCain 49%

Kentucky: Obama 41%  
**McCain** 58%

Michigan: **Obama** 57%  
McCain 41%

Minnesota: **Obama** 54%  
McCain 44%

Mississippi: Obama 43%  
**McCain** 57%

Missouri: Obama 49%  
**McCain** 50%

Montana: Obama 47%  
**McCain** 50%

Nevada: **Obama** 55%  
McCain 43%

New Mexico: **Obama** 57%  
McCain 42%

North Dakota: Obama 45%  
**McCain** 53%

Ohio: **Obama** 51%  
McCain 47%

Pennsylvania: **Obama** 55%  
McCain 44%

Tennessee: Obama 42%  
**McCain** 57%

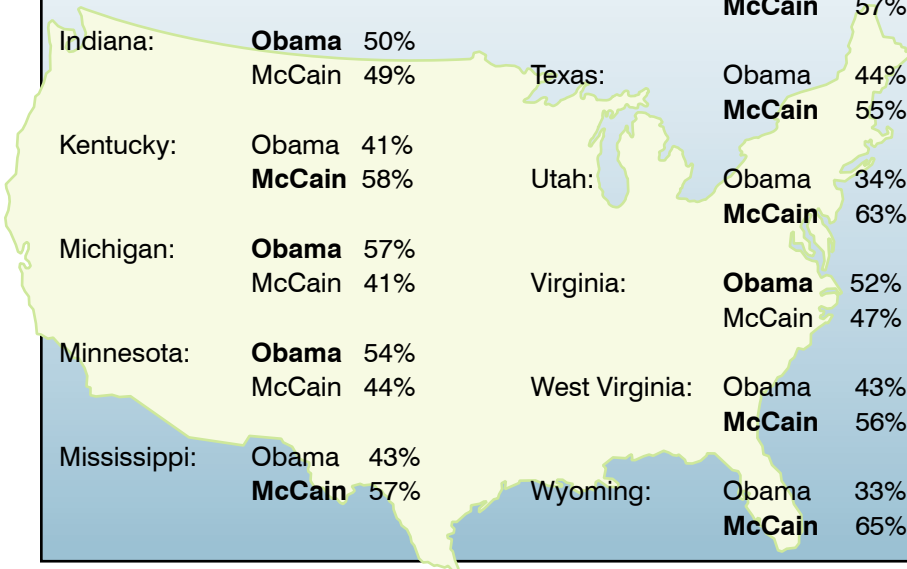
Texas: Obama 44%  
**McCain** 55%

Utah: Obama 34%  
**McCain** 63%

Virginia: **Obama** 52%  
McCain 47%

West Virginia: Obama 43%  
**McCain** 56%

Wyoming: Obama 33%  
**McCain** 65%



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### Losers:

#### Senate

- Steve Pearce (R-N.M.) vacated House seat to challenge for New Mexico Senate seat vacated by Pete Domenici (R)
- Gordon Smith (R-Ore.)

#### House

- Thelma Drake (R-Va.)
- Phil English (R-Pa.)
- Sydney Hay (R-Ariz.) candidate for seat vacated by Rick Enzi (R)
- Marilyn Musgrave (R-Colo.)
- Jon Porter (R-Nev.)
- Bill Sali (R-Idaho)
- Steve Shabot (R-Ohio)

### Retired:

#### Senate

- Wayne Allard (R-Colo.)
- Larry Craig (R-Idaho)
- Pete Domenici (R-N.M.)

#### House

- Barbara Cubin (R-Wyo.)

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political candidates understand the vital role coal, minerals and metals play in ensuring America's economic well-being and national security.

The Mine the Vote program will now take a break until the 2010 election cycle. As a new administration and new Congress prepare to take office in Washington, D.C., NMA will continue to empower mining community supporters through its online Advocacy Campaign Team (ACT) for mining.

ACT Online enables mining community supporters to learn about key legislative and regulatory developments, learn where their members of Congress stand on important mining issues and helps mining supporters express their views directly to Congress and federal agencies.

To use NMA's ACT Online program visit: [ACT Online](#). ☒

## Action Alert: Stop EPA from misusing the Clean Air Act to regulate greenhouse gas emissions



NMA recently posted a new action alert on its Advocacy Campaign Team (ACT) for Mining's web page that calls on mining community supporters to contact U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Stephen Johnson and urge him not to misuse the Clean Air Act (CAA) to regulate greenhouse gas emissions.

Through NMA's ACT alert, mining supporters can write to EPA and warn them of the dangers of extending CAA programs to regulate greenhouse gas emissions, a move that could have devastating effects throughout the entire U.S. economy.

EPA on July 30, 2008, published an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) that would impose a vast new regulatory regime on key U.S. businesses to regulate carbon dioxide and

other greenhouse gas emissions using the CAA. If the ANPR is adopted, EPA will assume unprecedented regulatory control over virtually all aspects of the U.S. economy. The ANPR would impose staggering new costs on American businesses and consumers, while yielding negligible environmental benefits.

Mining supporters can use the ACT message to tell EPA that the CAA was never intended to be used this way. Regulating greenhouse gas emissions is such an important economic and environmental issue that the design of any solution should be left to the elected representatives of Congress, not to unelected career bureaucrats.

Go to [NMA EPA ACT](#), where you will find a letter you can send directly to EPA to make your voice heard. EPA is accepting comments on the ANPR until Nov. 28. A copy of your letter will also be sent to your members of Congress. ☒

## NMA names Watzman, Sweeney to senior positions

NMA this week named Bruce Watzman as senior vice president for regulatory affairs and Katie Sweeney as general counsel of the organization. Watzman will manage NMA's regulatory policy activities, and Sweeney will be responsible for managing the association's legal services and litigation program.

"NMA is fortunate to have two such experienced and well-regarded professionals as Bruce and Katie to assume these important management responsibilities in NMA's legal and regulatory affairs department," said NMA President and CEO Hal Quinn. "Both have a proven track record of accomplishments on behalf of our membership, and I'm pleased we could draw from NMA's strong talent reservoir in filling these senior positions."

Bruce Watzman previously served as NMA's vice president for safety, health and human resources, and will retain

responsibility for mine safety and health policy. He is a graduate of George Washington University and the University of Maryland.

Katie Sweeney formerly served as NMA's deputy general counsel and will retain responsibility for public lands and minerals policy. She is a graduate of the College of William and Mary and the George Mason School of Law.

Sweeney and Watzman assume responsibility for the position previously held by Hal Quinn. ☒

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### Mining Market Snapshot

<b>Coal Figures</b>	Cumulative year to date	Change over last year
<i>Week ended October 25, 2008</i>		
EIA Coal Production (000 tons)	953,090	1.6%
Edison Electric Institute Electricity Output (GWh)	3,386,391	-1.0%
American Iron and Steel Institute Raw Steel Production (000 tons)	88,841	0.6%
<b>Metal Figures</b>		
Copper Prices (\$/mt - week avg. Grade A Cash) 10/24/08		\$4,271.15
Gold Prices (\$/troy ounce - week avg. London Final) 10/24/08		\$748.70
Source: NMA Weekly Statistical Summary/Platts Metals Week		



**Mining Calendar** Events and conferences covering important mining issues are routinely held across the nation. The following may be of interest to members of the mining community:

**December 1-5, 2008**

**Reno, Nev. The Northwest Mining Association** will hold its 114th Annual Meeting & Exposition, which will focus on the theme "Mining for a Minerals Dependent World." [www.nwma.org/convention.asp](http://www.nwma.org/convention.asp).

**December 2-4, 2008**

**Winston-Salem, N.C. N.C. Mine Safety & Health Law School** The North Carolina Department of Labor's Mine and Quarry Bureau will hold a Mine Safety & Health Law School designed to help mine owners, operators, contractors and supervisory personnel fully understand both federal and state mine safety laws. Attendees will be briefed on a variety of state and federal mine safety laws. More information is available by calling William Gerringer at (919) 807-2790.

**June 9-11, 2009**

**BPI Mining Conference 2009, Toronto, Canada** Penn State University's Department of Energy and Mineral Engineering is hosting the conference, which will include presentations from industry leaders in key mining sectors — coal, metals, and nonmetallic minerals — as well as from customers, suppliers and others with a keen interest in mining industry performance. Keynote speakers will include executive management from the world's largest and most successful mining companies and manufacturers. <http://programs.psu.edu/bpi2009>.

## Newsbits

The **U. S. Department of Energy (DOE)** this week named **Dr. Victor K. Der** as the new principal deputy assistant secretary for fossil energy. "Victor Der has played a vital role in developing and implementing initiatives in the Office of Fossil Energy," said **James Slutz**, acting assistant secretary of fossil energy in a Nov. 4 release. "His years of experience and knowledge will continue to ensure our fossil energy programs realize their full potential." Der will be responsible for office operations and, in support of the assistant secretary, will manage the oversight of Fossil Energy's Research and Development program and the U.S. Petroleum Reserves. Most recently, Der was the deputy assistant secretary for clean coal. In this role, he was responsible for directing research and development of clean coal research, development and demonstration and implementation of energy policy initiatives and priorities relating to clean coal utilization and its role in climate change mitigation, including carbon capture and sequestration. More information is available at: [DOE Announcement](#).

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