
NEWS RELEASE

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First SME Congressional Fellow begins D.C. assignment
Dr. Hoffman will work with House Natural Resources Subcommittee

The Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration Inc. (SME) is pleased to announce that the first SME Mining Engineering Congressional Fellow, Joshua Hoffman, Ph.D., P.E., of Lexington, KY, will spend one year in Washington, D.C., working as a mining resource adviser to the staff of the House Committee on Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources. Dr. Hoffman began his work with the committee on October 1, 2014.

Chaired by Doug Lamborn (R- CO), the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources oversees American energy production and mining on federal lands – both onshore and offshore. The subcommittee consists of 30 members; 16 Republicans and 14 Democrats.

“We are pleased with the subcommittee’s decision to utilize Dr. Hoffman’s expertise,” said SME Executive Director David L. Kanagy. “With his knowledge of mining, mineral processing and mined product applications, Josh will have the opportunity to make practical contributions as they relate to the environment, natural resources and federal science policy.”

Hoffman obtained his B.S. in mining engineering, with minors in explosives and chemistry from Missouri University of Science and Technology. He received his Ph.D. in mining engineering from the University of Kentucky with his dissertation, *A Framework for Understanding the Public’s Perspectives of Mining Applied to the Kentucky Coal Industry*. Hoffman chose this theme for his dissertation because of his commitment to educating the public about the importance of the mining and minerals industry.

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