MSHA Assistant Secretary to speak at SME Conference

Zatezalo will address Health & Safety Division Plenary Session

The Health & Safety Division of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration (SME) is pleased to announce that David Zatezalo, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health (MSHA), will address the Division’s Plenary Session on Monday, February 26, at the 2018 SME Annual Conference & Expo and 91st Annual Meeting of the SME-MN Section.

Titled “What really works in safety management in the mining industry,” this plenary session will also give attendees the opportunity to hear from several high-profile speakers from the global mining industry, including:

- **Mike Wright**, International United Steel Workers
- **Patrick James**, Lehigh Hanson
- **Matthew Pederson-Howard**, Peabody Energy
- **Jeff Kohler**, Penn State University

Health & Safety Division sessions during the conference will provide unique opportunities for professionals to:

- Receive valuable information on how the global mining industry interfaces with a wide variety of health and safety regulatory frameworks and management systems.
- Gain insights on prescriptive and risk-based approaches in an era of technology-enhanced smart mining, and varying levels of government involvement and operator accountability.
- Hear perspectives from academia, industry, government, union organizations and other non-governmental groups.

For more information on the SME Health & Safety Division, visit [www.smenet.org/membership/groups/divisions/health-safety](http://www.smenet.org/membership/groups/divisions/health-safety).

* * *

SME is a professional society (nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation) whose members represent all professions serving the mining, minerals and underground construction industries in more than 100 countries. SME members include engineers, geologists, metallurgists, educators, students and researchers. SME advances the worldwide minerals community through information exchange and professional development.

For more information, contact Jackie Dorr, Communications Manager, 303-948-4244 or [dorr@smenet.org](mailto:dorr@smenet.org).