

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 27, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- The National Mining Association (NMA) today said Peabody is the first in the industry to achieve independent certification under the CORESafety® system, a safety and health management system emphasizing a leadership culture that engages employees to prevent accidents. The milestone was noted during a safety luncheon hosted by NMA at MINExpo International in Las Vegas.

"Safety is our first value and core to our mission," said Peabody Energy President and Chief Executive Officer Glenn Kellow. "We are passionate about safety and have embraced best practices and management tools that advance safety within the lens of our longstanding Safety & A Way of Life system. By investing in our people, processes and equipment, we have changed the way in which we work, which is an important step on our journey of continuous safety improvement."

Peabody was a leading voice in developing the program with NMA. The company has an integrated safety and health management system aligned with the 20 elements of CORESafety based on pillars of leadership, management and assurance. Certification was achieved following an independent audit of Peabody's safety and health system and implementation across Peabody's global platform.

"This is a significant accomplishment by Peabody," said Hal Quinn, president and chief executive officer of NMA. "The company not only embraced an approach to drive continuous performance improvement that went above and beyond what is required of it by regulations, but it analyzed where it could do better, developed a plan, recorded metrics and submitted the results to a third party auditor."

Peabody's Safety & A Way of Life Management System focuses on higher risk activities combined with promoting a culture of employee participation and accountability through elements such as behavior observations, near hit reporting and safety innovation.

Peabody's injury rate continues to improve. Last year marked a company safety record with a global incidence rate of 1.25, which is better than most U.S. industries including construction, manufacturing and retail.

Peabody Energy is the world's largest private-sector coal company and a Fortune 500 company. The company serves metallurgical and thermal coal customers in 25 countries on six continents and has earned more than 115 safety, corporate and environmental honors in the past five years. For further information, visit [PeabodyEnergy.com](http://PeabodyEnergy.com).

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