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Washington DC Section

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Joshua M. Hoffman – OSM Stream Protection Rule

OSM published a draft Stream Protection Rule that amends or modifies 475 existing rules within the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA). The STREAM Act has three objectives:

- Increase transparency in OSM's rulemaking process by requiring the publication of the scientific products, as well as the underlying raw data.
- Clarify OSM's jurisdictional and statutory authority under the SMCRA.
- Require the OSM, with the Interstate Mining Compact Commission, to conduct a comprehensive study through the National Academy of Sciences on the regulatory effectiveness of the 1983 regulation.

The state of the energy and mining workforce in the United States will be discussed as well as potential solutions to assure a trained and skilled workforce of sufficient size for the future.

Date: Tuesday – March 8, 2016
Time : Social Hour 11:30 - 11:50 am
Section Business/Luncheon 12:00 - 1:30 pm
Location: Clyde's Restaurant at Tyson's Corner
8332 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA 22182
Choice: Roasted Chicken, Salmon, or Vegetarian Ravioli
Cost: $27 for DC Section Members; $32 for guests
RSVP: Please reply by email to **George K. Schuler** at
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About the Speaker
Joshua M. Hoffman obtained his B.S. in Mining Engineering, from Missouri University of Science and Technology (formerly University of Missouri-Rolla). 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*. He was the inaugural SME-AAAS Congressional Fellow and served for the past year on the US House Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee for Energy and Mineral Resources. The committee retained him as Professional Staff where he works on mining and mineral related policy.