

# Crisis Management in the Coal Industry

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A crisis is an unplanned event that impacts the safety of mine personnel or the continuity of operations. An effective and timely response is critical to contain, control, and mitigate the situation. The response typically follows a well documented management plan and involves well trained personnel in an effort to ensure that the event is resolved with minimum risk to the safety of the mine workers and response personnel. Coordinating efforts with state and federal agencies are a required component of the crisis resolution as well as relaying status information to the general public. A group of experts representing the various agencies and components needed to address the management of a crisis in the mining industry will participate in a seminar that will target the interests of mining personnel, consultants, government officials, and others serving the mining industry.

## Speakers

**Patrick Gallagher, President & CEO, Charles Ryan Associates** *“Mine Crisis Management Practices”*

Charles Ryan Associates has three decades of experience working with mining industry representatives on disasters, litigation, national media scrutiny, labor issues and a host of other critical situations. Their Coal Specialty Group is comprised of experts in litigation communication and crisis management.

**Tom Hoffman, Sr. Vice President-External Affairs, CONSOL Energy**

*“CONSOL Energy’s Crisis Management Plan”*

**Charles Grace, Assistant District Manager, Mine Safety & Health Administration**

*“MSHA’s Crisis Management Plan”*

**Johnny Greene, Executive Director, Kentucky Office of Mine Safety and Licensing**

*“Crisis Management Plan of Kentucky’s Office of Mine Safety”*

**Marco Rajkovich, Partner, Rajkovich, Williams, Kilpatrick & True, PLLC**

*“Legalities of Managing a Mine Crisis”*

**Kathleen M. Kowalski-Trakofler, Research Psychologist, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health** *“Psychological Impacts on Managing a Mine Crisis”*

**Roger Alford, Associated Press Correspondent, Frankfort Bureau** *“The Media and a Mine Crisis”*

## General Information

- Date & Location:** Friday, April 18, 2008 - Rm. 102 Mining & Mineral Resources Bldg. (MMRB), University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.
- Time:** 8:00-12:00 Noon (registration from 7:30-8:00 am).
- Cost:** On or before April 11: \$50 (Mining Engineering Foundation member), \$100 (Non-member)  
After April 11 or onsite: \$75 (Mining Engineering Foundation member), \$125 (Non-member)  
Fee includes continental breaks and lunch.
- Parking:** Parking instructions will be mailed with seminar confirmation.
- Cancellation Policy:** Refund less 15% on or before April 11. No refunds after April 11. Substitutions may be made at any time.
- PDH Credit:** Four (4) PDHs awarded.
- Questions?** Contact Geaunita Caylor, 859-257-2820 or gcaylor@engr.uky.edu.

Those who participate in the seminar are also invited to attend the Mining Engineering Foundation Board Meeting from 1:30-4:30 in 102 MMRB. The board meeting qualifies for an additional three (3) PDHs.

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