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2023 SME Minnesota Conference Brings Mining Community to Virginia, MN

Mining and mineral professionals from around the region plan to gather April 17-19, 2023 in Virginia, Minnesota at the Iron Trail Motors Event Center for the annual [SME Minnesota Conference](#).

From students to seasoned professionals, the SME Minnesota Conference brings the mining industry together to learn about issues important to the upper Midwest. Topics of both regional and national significance will be addressed, including sustainability, processing and environmental compliance.

“We look forward to building on the energy created with last year’s move to an excellent new venue on Minnesota’s Iron Range. We have the opportunity to showcase Minnesota’s existing projects as well as exciting and long-awaited developments within the Duluth Complex base metals projects,” said Katrina Davis, Chair of the 2023 SME Minnesota Conference and field scientist with Northeast Technical Services, Inc. (NTS). “This conference will continue to solidify Minnesota’s role in ethical and environmentally-conscience procurement of the resources needed for a sustainable green energy transition.”

Conference attendees can participate in an optional field trip, short courses, two days of technical sessions, and exhibit halls.

With the support of United States Steel (Minnesota Ore Operations) as the overall conference sponsor and already sold-out exhibit halls, this year's conference will continue to be a top-performing event.



Featured Speakers

Leading industry experts headline the SME Minnesota Conference, including:

Julie Lucas, Executive Director of Mining Minnesota, speaking on “Powering Our Future in an Ethical Way” on Tuesday, April 18 at 8:30 am. Those in attendance may receive 1 PDH ethics credit.



Zack Valdez, Chief of Staff for the Office of Manufacturing and Energy Supply Chains for the United States Department of Energy, will give the closing plenary entitled, “Mine to Market – Expanding, Securing, and Supporting: The Domestic Energy Supply Chain” on Wednesday, April 19 at 1:00 pm

The SME Minnesota Conference has been taking place in the region for over 90 years, providing professional development to one of the nation's largest mining sectors.

To learn more about the SME Minnesota Conference, including schedule details and registration information, visit SMEMNconference.org.

About SME

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