



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
NLA Members

FROM: Bill Herz
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SUBJECT: Pennsylvania Exempts Lime Industry from Coronavirus Stop-Work Order

DATE: March 22, 2020

Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf announced this weekend that the lime manufacturing industry will now be considered “life-sustaining” and therefore may remain open for business. The governor also reversed course on coal mining and granted that industry a similar waiver from his original order. Pennsylvania issued an [order](#) last week that required all industries including lime manufacturing to shut down over concerns about the coronavirus, unless they are “life sustaining.”

NLA strongly encourages members in other States to use this information in discussions with your own governors to persuade them to likewise exempt lime manufacturing and non-metal mining from any future emergency declarations in other States. A link to the list of life-sustaining industries is available [here](#).

Please let us know as soon as possible if any of your State or local governmental authorities issue orders that have the potential to shut down lime production. We will do our best to assist members in convincing governors and others that it is in the public interest – and in some cases an outright public necessity to keep lime plants operating during this crisis.

NLA is carefully and continuously monitoring the situation throughout the country and explaining to policymakers and others the critical value of lime in our society.

If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact Bill at wcherz@lime.org or Bradford at bfrisby@lime.org.