

FEBRUARY MEETING

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Please join us for our February meeting - we will have an excellent speaker. Fred Palmer will speak on current energy and environmental issues in the US.

Frederick D. Palmer is a senior fellow for energy and climate at The Heartland Institute.

Frederick D. Palmer served from 2001 through June 2015 as Peabody Energy's senior vice president of Government Relations, which included service on the Executive Leadership Team. Most recently he served as a special advisor to the office of Peabody's executive chairman.

Prior to joining Peabody Energy, Palmer served for five years as General Counsel and 15 years as chief executive officer of Western Fuels Association, Inc. While at Western Fuels, Palmer served on the Board of Directors of the National Mining Association and in that capacity served as chair of the NMA Legal Committee with a focus on coal and climate policies during the Clinton/Gore years in the 1990s.

Palmer began his career in 1969 in Washington, D.C., on the staff of Arizona Congressman Morris K. Udall, where he served for two years. He was a partner in Duncan, Brown, Weinberg & Palmer, a Washington, D.C.-based law firm, for eight years where he specialized in utility, environmental, and resource law.

He was the 2004 recipient of the Erskine Ramsay Medal Award from the Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration. He is a member of the National Coal Council, Executive Committee, and he is the chairman of the Coal Policy Committee. During his service to Peabody Energy, he was Peabody's representative on the Board of Directors of the World Coal Association and served as its chairman from November 2010 to November 2012. He also represented Peabody on the Board of the FutureGen Alliance from its formation until June 2015. Additionally, he is a member of the California and D.C. Bar Associations.

Palmer attended the University of Arizona, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1966 and Juris Doctorate with honors in 1969. He was inducted into the Order of the Coif honor society there in 1969 and served as Symposium Editor of the *Arizona Law Review.*

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STUDENT LIASON:

Dr. Satya Harpalini Mining & Mineral Resources Engineering Southern Illinois University

Dr. Kwame Awuah-Offei Dept. of Mining Engineering Missouri University of Science & Technology When: Thursday, February 15 Social: 6 PM, Dinner: 6:30 PM

Where: Andre's Banquet and Catering, 4238 Telegraph

Road, St. Louis, MO

Phone: 314 894 2622 (Directions on next page)

<u>Menu:</u> Buffet to include two entrée choices with hot vegetable, salad, rolls, and dessert. Open Bar!

(Dietary Restrictions can be accommodated if given

advanced notice)

Cost: \$25, \$10 for students.

Cash, debit or credit card accepted. RSVP: By Monday, February 12th

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March 15th VENDOR NIGHT Viburnum, MO Country Club

You need not be a member of National SME.

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**Need Professional Development Hours?

Each meeting is 1 hour.

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From I-55 or I-270: Take to I-255 East in south STL County. Go about 2 miles to Telegraph Road (Exit 2). Turn right (south) and go 0.5 miles. Andre's is on the left. From Illinois: Take I-255 South to "JB Bridge" in Columbia, IL. Cross into MO and exit at Telegraph Road (Exit 2). Turn left (south) and go 0.7 miles. Andre's is on the left.

