

November 16, 2021

The Honorable Douglas L. Parker Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health 200 Constitution Ave NW Washington, DC 20210

Assistant Secretary Parker:

On behalf of the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA), I write to request an extension to the extremely short comment period for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Emergency Temporary Standard. The agency has only provided the public with 30 days to submit input. This is an extensive rulemaking, and stakeholders need more time to provide the agency with comprehensive comments.

Additional time will allow the employer community to find issues or points of concern as they attempt to implement the ETS. The extended time will allow stakeholders to better inform the agency in the development of a permanent rulemaking.

We therefore ask that you provide an additional 60 days to the comment period, extending it into early February. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Johnson President and CEO

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