



Robert C. Freas

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In this interview, Freas discusses the evolution of the mining industry over the past forty years.