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The answer is a decade.

You read that correctly—it can take up to **10 years** to get a mine permit thanks to inefficiencies in the current U.S. mine permitting process. The U.S. has one of the most belabored mine permitting processes in comparison to other countries that hold similarly **stringent environmental standards**.

The burdensome and duplicative mine permitting process creates unnecessary delays that halt economic growth and inhibit innovation. For context, these delays take longer than it took many iconic U.S. infrastructure projects to reach completion.

MINE PERMITTING DELAYS CAN TAKE UP TO
10 YEARS AND DECREASE A PROJECT'S VALUE

DID YOU KNOW?

Guest Blog Post: Harry Moser of the Reshoring Initiative



Harry Moser, founder of the Reshoring Initiative, explains why the strength of U.S. manufacturing is dependent on the strength of U.S. mining. Read the blog post [here](#).

Infographic: SNL Metals & Mining Report on U.S. Mine Permitting and Economic Value

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These delays hurt the vast majority of America's economic drivers. The manufacturing sector, which relies on minerals to conduct its operations and build its products, is significantly impacted by the inefficiencies in the U.S. mine permitting process. In a recent [blog post](#), Harry Moser of the [Reshoring Initiative](#) explains why access to U.S. minerals must be a key issue in the 2016 presidential election. Moser argues that removing inefficiencies in the mine permitting process will pave the way to reshore jobs within the manufacturing sector, creating greater economic opportunity. Read more [here](#).

It is essential for policymakers to work together to advance critical minerals legislation that will address this problem. Sen. Lisa Murkowski's (R-Alaska) "[Energy Policy Modernization Act of 2016](#)" is an example of a bipartisan bill that will help streamline the mine permitting process. The bill contains minerals provisions that remove mine permitting inefficiencies and will allow our nation's industries and economy to grow.

The bill passed in the U.S. Senate last month. I ask you to [encourage your legislators](#) to continue working to push this important piece of legislation forward.

Thank you,

Hal Quinn
NMA President and CEO



SNL Metals & Mining released a report last summer revealing that delays in the U.S. mine permitting process can reduce a mine's value by a half. See our infographic [here](#).



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