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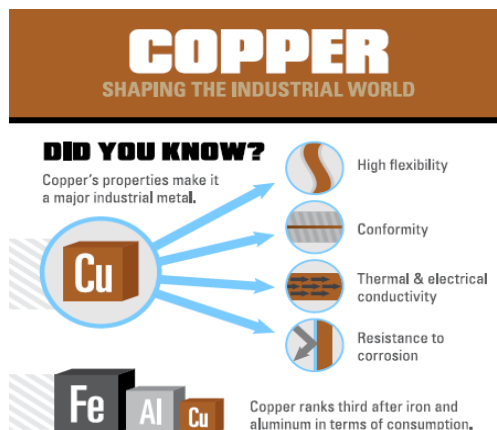
As we celebrate [Manufacturing Day](#) tomorrow, I'd like to highlight the direct impact that mining has on this industry. From medical devices to hybrid cars and advanced energy technologies, minerals are the foundation of the products that define today's innovation.

The National Mining Association's newest study by SNL Metals & Mining titled, "[U.S. Mines to Market](#)," examines and tracks the entire lifecycle – from extraction to refinement to the final product – of the raw mineral materials needed for the production of modern technologies.

As domestic manufacturing quickly grows and advances, so does the demand for minerals to sustain stable supply chains and keep up with improvements in production. Recognizing the importance of manufacturing and its intrinsic dependence on minerals is vital to the progress of U.S. technology and innovation. Our "[Manufacturing Makes a Comeback](#)" video below explains more:

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Copper's Contribution



Minerals like copper are critical to advancement of the manufacturing sector. Learn more about copper's contributions to industry development in our newest [infographic](#).

Minerals Critical to Manufacturing



There is no question that “Made in America” is making a real comeback. Manufacturers like [Caterpillar](#), [GE](#) and [Ford](#) continue to reshore their manufacturing operations, while innovative companies like [Tesla](#) open brand new plants in the United States.

As emphasized in the [U.S. Mines to Market](#) report, the primary impediment preventing the domestic mining industry from providing more of the minerals needed by U.S. manufacturers is the length of time it takes to obtain all the permitting necessary to operate. Thus, the new report provides further evidence that Congress must act on this important issue. The House just passed “**The Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act**” for the third time, and NMA urges the Senate to take up similar legislation to support manufacturers returning to the United States and continued industry growth. I encourage you to do the same, and support policy reform to revitalize and sustain our domestic supply chains [here](#).

To learn more about this important issue and take a deeper look at our newest study, U.S. Mines to Market, visit our [Minerals Make Life blog](#).

Best,

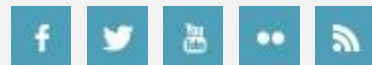
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See NMA’s newest study, “[U.S. Mines to Market](#)” to learn about the tracking of minerals mined and refined in the U.S. through to their end-use in finished products. This report highlights the key findings and insights.



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