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Dear Joe,

A [recent poll](#) conducted by Morning Consult shows that the average American does not understand the important and positive role mining companies play in land reclamation and in environmental stewardship. For example, only seven percent of those surveyed knew that U.S. mining companies have paid more than \$10 billion to restore mines abandoned before laws requiring their restoration were enacted. These results reinforce the need for the mining industry and its supporters to educate Americans about our industry's commitment to being good neighbors and responsible operators.

The U.S. mining industry has restored more than [2.9 million acres of land](#)—an accomplishment 75 percent of those polled were not aware of. In fact, mining companies often go beyond what is required

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to restore abandoned mining sites, in some cases, improving biodiversity after a mining project is completed.

These industrywide contributions tell just a small part of the story. Individual companies are making contributions every day. Last year, three minerals mining companies received awards for their [outstanding achievements](#) in environmental sustainability and mine reclamation from the U.S. Department of the Interior. These awards take all aspects of environmental sustainability into consideration, from community outreach prior to the start of a mining project to the reclamation process following each project's completion.



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This polling highlights that, when the public fails to appreciate the advances we have made in reclaiming mined land, in producing minerals with less natural disturbance, and in deploying ever cleaner and safer

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technologies, the benefits of more regulation are incorrectly assumed. As a result, minerals mining remains subject to [duplicative environmental regulations](#) that do little to protect the environment, and much to slow U.S. competitiveness.

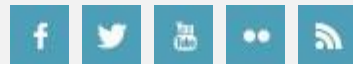
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Thank you,

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