



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- The United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit upheld the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proper decision that new, duplicative financial responsibility requirements for the hardrock mining industry are unnecessary.
- Today, mines are designed, built, operated and closed using state-of-the-art environmental safeguards and technology that minimize impact during and after an operation ceases production.
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

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Dear Joe,

Last month, U.S. Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt [visited](#) Nevada Gold Mines' Cortez mine to take a look inside its Deep South expansion project, and showcase how permitting processes can be streamlined while maintaining strict environmental standards. Working in close partnership with the Department of the Interior, Nevada Gold Mines is committed to supporting the protection of wildlife and land in the surrounding area. The Deep South project – a joint venture between Barrick Gold Corporation and Newmont Goldcorp – is a prime example of the U.S. mining industry's effort to place the utmost importance on environmental stewardship.

At mining projects across the country, environmental protections are embedded in everyday operations. The mining industry takes an innovative approach to solving challenges and improving operations to minimize environmental impact.

Here are a few other examples of U.S. mining's commitment to the environment:

- **Biodiversity**

In 2018, [Newmont Goldcorp](#) started a three-year partnership with the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) to identify ways the company can meet its global targets to achieve no net loss in biodiversity, and net gains in biodiversity where possible. Reviews at select mining projects will be used to implement enhanced biodiversity conservation programs across their operations.

- **Wildlife Conservation**

[Kinross Gold](#) started an initiative in 2017 with Trout Unlimited and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation to protect and conserve important fish and wildlife habitat adjacent to Yellowstone National Park. As part of their work, Kinross agreed to permanently protect a 549-acre land corridor used as an important elk migration route.

- **Reclamation**

[Freeport-McMoRan](#) uses data collected from reclaimed lands to compare native surrounding areas to understand the success of the reclamation processes. At the Bisbee mine in Arizona, Freeport-McMoRan is pioneering efforts for stormwater attenuation to ensure reclaimed lands properly revegetate.

U.S. mining is making progress to improve the land and protect wildlife in communities across the country. To learn more about these projects and modern mining's commitment to the environment, read our newest [blog](#).

Thank you,

Hal Quinn
NMA President and CEO

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Our import reliance for minerals has doubled over the past 25 years. This puts our country's standing as a global leader in innovation at risk.

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Dozens of federal and local environmental requirements regulate modern mining. Adding new laws would provide no environmental benefits while further disincentivizing investment in U.S. mining.



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