



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- December 6th is National Miners Day
- The National Mining Association and Real Clear Politics hosted an event in November to address minerals supply chain issues
- Sentinels of Safety award recipients were announced

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

DECEMBER 6, 2019

Dear Joe,

Today our nation recognizes National Miners Day, a day to celebrate and express appreciation for America's miners. Our nation has a long history of mining exploration. We can attribute many of this country's advancements to those who work hard to produce our abundant resources. Today, I would like to not only thank those hard-working miners who serve as the backbone of our industry, but also take the time to reflect on their role in making strides for the minerals mining sector. They have repeatedly increased our high standards of workplace safety and environmental stewardship and have pioneered integrating cutting-edge technologies into the mining process. But the mining industry is facing critical challenges, and we must continue to advocate for the industry and for our miners.

The National Mining Association held an event with Real Clear Politics titled ["Minerals: The Overlooked Foundation of Our Future."](#) In a historic meeting, members of the current administration, industry experts and analysts gathered to discuss the importance of minerals for our technological, defense, energy and manufacturing needs. The result? A unanimous agreement on the fundamental necessity to reduce [our country's minerals import reliance](#) that has claimed nearly 30 of the 35 minerals designated as critical by the U.S. Geological

Survey. Various panelists expressed their concerns for how we depend on foreign-supplied minerals to fuel our country's [economic engine](#), citing various examples of how the cumbersome mine permitting process is deterring investments that are moving mining investments overseas.

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As Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) stated in her keynote address, “In this country, people believe in the immaculate conception theory of energy. You turn on the light and it just happens. It doesn’t just happen. We have to make it happen, and in order to make it happen, it still requires some level of resource. That raw resource that comes from the land.”

Miners make it happen.

And they don’t stop there. They play an essential role in creating greater efficiencies in the mining process and driving continuous improvements in protocols that keep miners safe and healthy. We make sure their achievements don’t go unnoticed. This fall, the National Mining Association announced the [2018 Sentinels of Safety award recipients, an award](#) co-sponsored by the U.S. National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health that is given only to mining companies that have recorded at least 4,000 injury-free hours.

Miners are the driving force behind mining’s economic contributions. Mining operations create and support 1.1 million American jobs. The average metal mining salary is \$94,000 a year, allowing our miners to improve their communities and support their families. In 2017, minerals miners produced \$82.2 billion worth of resources that were used by downstream industries. Our industry accounts for 14 percent of the national GDP, and it’s all thanks to our miners.

If one thing is certain, it’s that we owe it to miners – and to ourselves – to fight for an industry that is so vital to nearly every facet of our lives. We can no longer sit still and continue to fall behind. The Americans who serve in our modern mining workforce do their part to fuel our economic engine and make our country competitive on an international stage. It’s time for our decisionmakers to do the same.

[Show support](#) for minerals mining today.

Thank you,

Rich Nolan

NMA President and CEO

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Minerals Mining: The Forefront of Tech Innovation

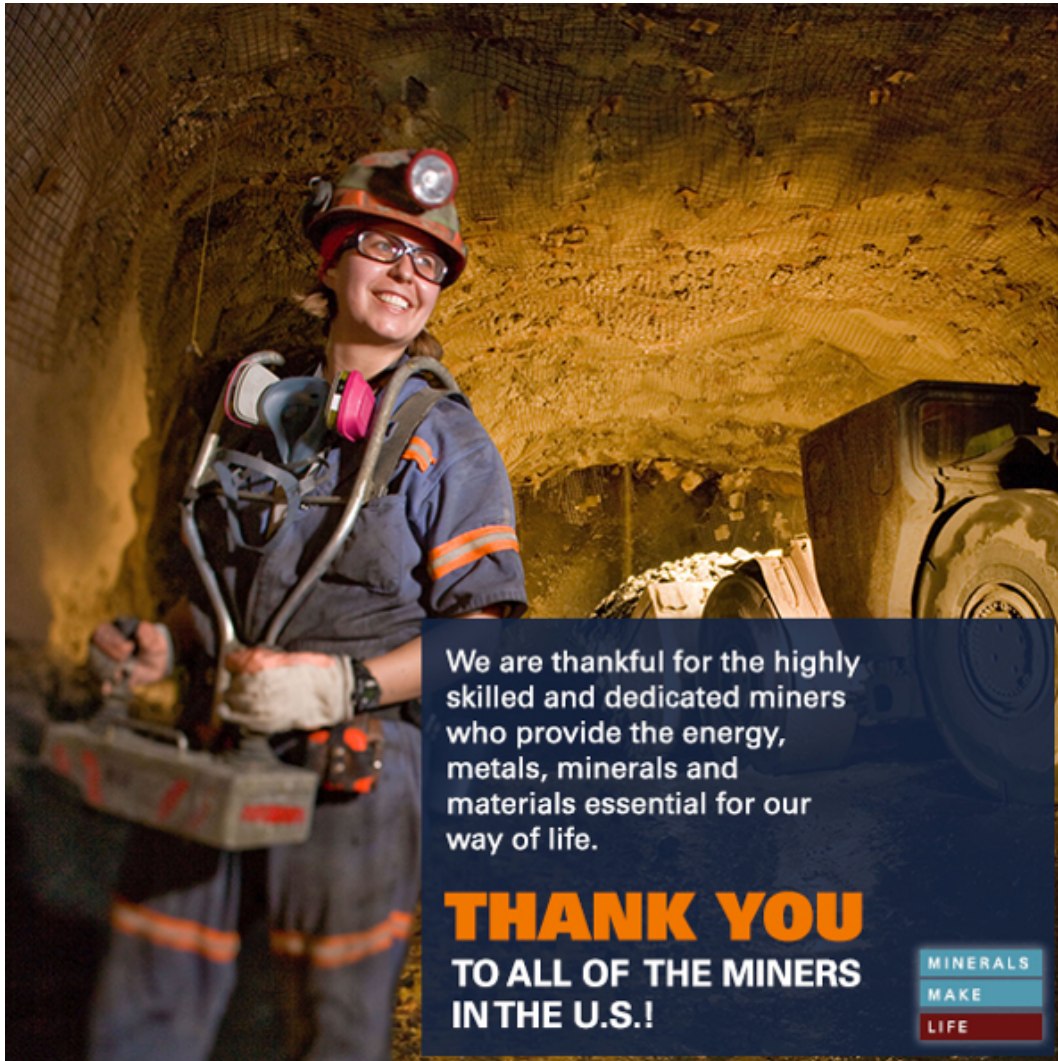


At each stage of the mining process, the mining industry uses advanced technologies to access vital resources, improving efficiency and production and reducing costs and environmental impacts.

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