



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- The USGS Mineral Commodity Summaries Report for 2020 shows America's concerning import reliance continues.
- The U.S. is 100% import-reliant for 17 minerals and more than 50% reliant for another 29.
- The "American Energy Innovation Act" includes important steps to address the nation's alarming mineral import dependence.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

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Dear Joe,

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) just released the [Mineral Commodity Summaries for 2020](#), drawing more cause for concern as our nation's import reliance continues to be a problem. According to the report, the U.S. is 100% import-reliant for 17 minerals and more than 50% reliant for another 29. While the dependence on foreign minerals persists, American minerals production was up 3% from 2018, showcasing the potential for America's mineral mining industry as it grew with the increased demand for mineral-based technologies.

Raw materials that come from U.S. mines are crucial to the U.S. economy and are key inputs to various infrastructure projects, research and development initiatives and foundational defense systems that keep America prosperous and safe. In response to these national mineral requirements, lawmakers are once again looking to reform the mine permitting policies that are adversely affecting America's ability to develop a strong domestic supply chain.

Following [Presidential Executive Order 13817](#), which calls on executive agencies to ensure secure and reliable sources of minerals, the Council on

Environmental Quality proposed reforms to streamline the National Environmental Policy Act ([NEPA](#)) and the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council voted to include mining under projects covered by [FAST-41](#).

In Congress, the American Energy Innovation Act, which was introduced February 27 by U.S. Senators Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, and Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., outlines a path toward a simpler regulatory process, a stronger domestic minerals mining industry, and ultimately, a stable domestic supply chain.

Policymakers must consider all potential paths to reduce our minerals import dependence. The USGS' report only reaffirms the opportunity for the U.S. to establish itself as a leader in mineral production. To overcome the challenges currently holding us back, we must support any actions that will improve the outdated mine permitting policies that prevent our country from achieving a stable supply chain.

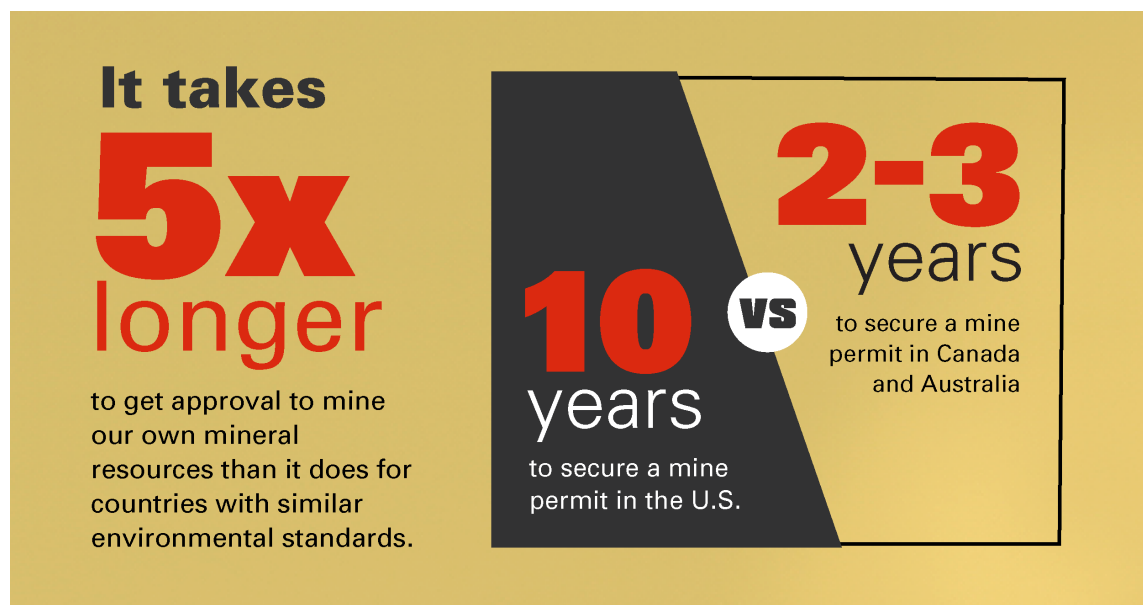
Thank you,

Rich Nolan

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INFOGRAPHIC

[Minerals: The Bedrock of Supply Chain Security](#)



Outdated mine permitting policies are creating an unstable resource supply chain.

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BLOG

[Sens. Murkowski \(R-AK\) and Manchin \(D-W.Va\) Call for Action on Minerals Mining](#)



Sens. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) and Joe Manchin (D-W.Va) are among the group of policymakers seeking to reform the permitting policies that are holding back American minerals mining.

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