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## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- The [Good Samaritan Act passes the House](#), marking historic moment as the bill moves to the President's desk.
- The National Mining Association and [domestic mining industry saw great success through 2024](#), but lawmakers have much more to do.
- [China announces ban on exports](#) of gallium, germanium, antimony and other key high-tech materials with possible military applications to the U.S.

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

December 12, 2024

Dear Friend,

In 2024, the [mining industry made important progress](#), but there is still much more work to do. The National Mining Association's MINExpo INTERNATIONAL® in September welcomed more than 40,000 attendees and thousands of vendors, demonstrating that domestic mining is stronger than ever.

Most recently, Congress' historic bipartisan passage of [Good Samaritan legislation—more than two decades in the making](#)—marks a significant

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the year's end as many other important pieces of legislation — like permitting reform and the Mining Schools Act — continue to await congressional action. With the Good Samaritan Act now moving to the President's desk, we hope to see some of these other policies follow suit before the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress adjourns for the final time.

As the year draws to a close and we gather to celebrate the holidays, I am taking a moment to appreciate the importance of minerals in our daily lives — especially during these celebrations. Our Christmas lights, ornaments, reusable trees, and menorahs are crafted with minerals. The new technology we gift each other and the planes and cars we travel in to see family could not exist without the minerals that they're built from. Securing domestic supply chains means ensuring that we can carry on our great traditions for generations to come.

Come 2025, the NMA will continue working to improve domestic mining policy with our partners to ensure the United States' economic prosperity and bolster our national defense, and we look forward to working with the incoming Trump administration and Congress to make progress. Until then, enjoy a happy and healthy New Year.

Thank you,

[Rich Nolan](#)

National Mining Association (NMA)  
President and CEO



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## [Victories for U.S. minerals mining in 2024; mapping the path forward into 2025](#)

While legislative challenges remain before the end of the year, the United States minerals mining industry found many successes throughout 2024. As NMA looks ahead to 2025, we will continue to work with President-elect Trump and Congress to secure domestic minerals supply chains.

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## [Historic Good Samaritan Bill to Clean Up Pollution Passes in Congress](#)

The House of Representatives passed the Good Samaritan Remediation of Abandoned Hardrock Mines Act of 2024, which will enable good-faith actors to clean up pollution from Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) with tailored liability protections.

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## [USGS backs bipartisan critical minerals bill](#)

The United States Geological Service (USGS) announced its support for the Critical Minerals Security Act, legislation that would require agencies to craft a strategy for advancing mining, refining and processing of critical minerals, and provide reports to Congress. Democratic Rep. Chrissy Houlahan of Pennsylvania sponsored the bill along with Republican co-sponsors.

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### [China announces ban on rare minerals to US: What that means for you](#)

China announced that it will ban exports to the U.S. of gallium, germanium, antimony, and other key high-tech materials with possible military applications. China is the biggest global source of gallium and germanium, which are required to make computer chips for mobile phones, cars, and other products, as well as solar panels and military technology.

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