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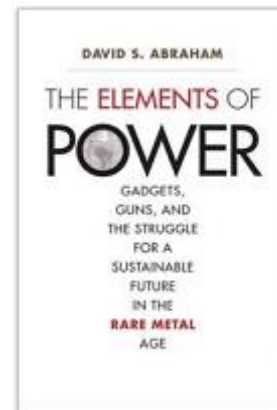
2015 has been a pivotal year for the minerals mining community as more voices called on our lawmakers to streamline access to domestic mineral supply and in October the House of Representatives passed a **critical minerals bill**. We are especially appreciative for the continued support of mining advocates like you, and we look forward to continuing to provide you with new and useful information.

Here are five things that our readers found most interesting in 2015:

1. **SNL Metals & Mining** conducted a study that revealed the delays caused by inefficiencies in the mine permitting process decrease a mining project's value by nearly half. See the infographic that highlights the study's results [here](#).
2. We spoke with Mark Fellows, director of consulting at SNL Metals & Mining, who explained how mine permitting delays negatively impact U.S. global competitiveness. Watch the video [here](#).

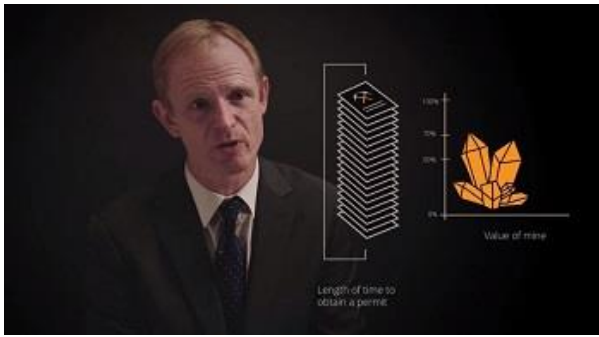
DID YOU KNOW?

[New Book: *The Elements of Power: Gadgets, Guns and the Struggle for a Sustainable Future in the Rare Metal Age* by David Abraham](#)



In his book, Abraham explains, "We are witnessing a fundamental shift in our resource demands. At no point in human history have we used more elements, in more combinations, and in increasingly refined amounts." You can learn more by reading our blog post featuring his book [here](#).

[U.S. House Approves Minerals Bill this Year](#)



3. Harry Moser, founder of the [Reshoring Initiative](#), shared why reforming the mine permitting process is critical to bringing the manufacturing industry back to the U.S. in this [video](#).
4. We continued to highlight key minerals that impact our daily lives—like molybdenum. This strong and versatile mineral is essential in making stainless steel and supports our infrastructure and national security. See our infographic [here](#).



In October, the House passed Rep. Mark Amodei's (R-Nev.) critical minerals bill. Learn how this legislation will help the mining industry [here](#).

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- resistant to bacteria

5. On Dec. 6, we celebrated National Miners Day by sharing a graphic thanking our miners for their invaluable work. You can learn more about miners' contributions to our nation in our blog post [here](#).



Today, we celebrate the hardworking men and women who are committed to U.S. mining.

HAPPY NATIONAL MINERS DAY!

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