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As we wrap up 2016 and look forward to 2017, it is important to take a look at the past year in the minerals mining community. We saw both chambers of Congress move to advance legislation that would improve the permitting process as well as proposals from federal agencies that would hurt minerals mining and downstream industries. There have been hurdles, but as we move into 2017, it is important to remain optimistic and determined.

I hope that you continue to look to Minerals Make Life for the latest news and information about minerals mining.

## DID YOU KNOW?

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### Americans Support U.S. Mining



We celebrated National Miners Day on Dec. 6. Our newest poll shows that 73 percent of Americans support policies that encourage the use of the domestic natural resources our miners help procure year-round. See the full results [here](#).

Here are the top six items our readers found most interesting in 2016:

1. Our Minerals Make Our Energy Future infographic highlighted the role that mineral mining plays in domestic energy production. At a time when energy is a hot-button issue, knowing where that energy comes from is incredibly important for making the right public policy decisions. See the infographic [here](#).
2. Beryllium is vital to the development of technology and an overwhelming majority of the world's beryllium is mined in the U.S. Its uses vary widely, including medical technology as well as defense technology. See our beryllium infographic [here](#).



3. At the beginning of the year, the news broke that 2015 was the safest year on record for miners. Advances in mining technology and diligent efforts from mining companies help make mining safer every day. Read more [here](#).

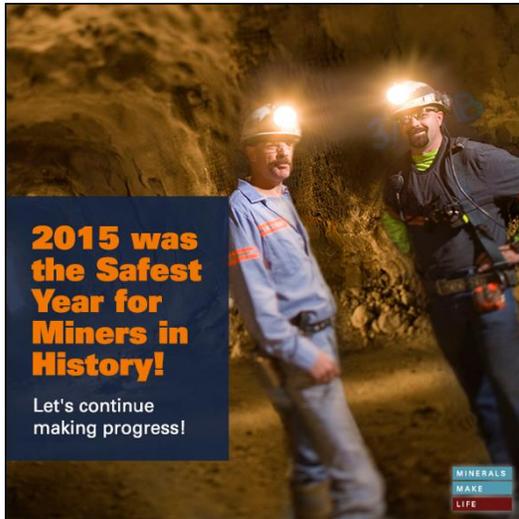
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Happy Holidays from NMA!



From our team to yours, we wish you the best this holiday season and hope for a happy new year! Watch our season's greetings [here](#).

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4. Mining and manufacturing have widespread effects on the economy and create American jobs. For that reason and many others, we argue that mining and manufacturing should be a top priority for the president. Read our blog post [here](#).
  5. Without the proper research or foresight, EPA proposed a new financial assurance rule, which duplicates current state and federal policies and threatens mining companies with exorbitant costs. We explained how this would affect the mining community in our newest infographic. See it [here](#).
  6. The federal government has been contemplating a land withdrawal that would render up to 10 million acres of mineral rich lands inaccessible to mining. This proposal represents potentially the largest land withdrawal in the history of the Federal Land Policy Management
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Act and would be extremely detrimental to the mining industry and the American economy. Watch our video [here](#).



Thank you for your continued support and happy holidays,

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