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In recent months, I have been deeply encouraged by the very real progress Congress has made to enable greater access to U.S. minerals. The Senate passed Energy and Natural Resource Committee Chairman Lisa Murkowski's (R-Alaska) "**Energy Policy Modernization Act of 2016**" in April and just before summer recess, they voted to form a conference committee with the House of Representatives on proposed energy bills. The House passed energy bill, called the "North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act" will also be brought to the table when the conference committee convenes this fall.

These bills are part of an effort to ensure that America remains a leader in minerals production. Mining has long been a U.S. economic engine, but current regulations have created a process that is redundant and burdensome. As a result, it can take up to 10 years to get a mining permit.

Our nation is home to an estimated \$6.2 trillion worth of mineral resources, and we can't afford to tie up those resources with bureaucracy. The minerals mined in the U.S. are used in a variety of applications that touch our everyday lives and even contribute to national security.

DID YOU KNOW?

Actually, yes: Minerals needed; unwarranted opposition to process stifles growth, jobs

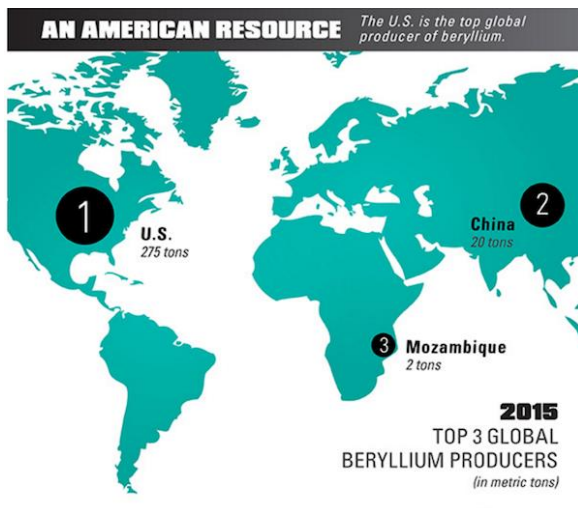


Economic recovery is topping many politicians' agendas, but what they may not realize is that some government agencies are hindering growth. NMA President and CEO Hal Quinn explains in his recent op-ed in the *Duluth News Tribune*. Read it [here](#).

Minerals improve veterinary technology

Furthermore, the U.S. is the top producer of many mineral resources — like beryllium — that have wide and important applications across vital like manufacturing.

See our [new beryllium infographic](#) to learn more about this unique metal and how it's used.



Veterinary medicine continues to push technological boundaries. That progress wouldn't be possible without the help of minerals. Read how [here](#).

Streamlined access to minerals and policies that support U.S. mining operations are a requirement for staying globally competitive. Right now those raw material supply chains are impacted by [unnecessary delays](#) in the mine permitting process. The longer we wait to remove those hurdles, the more damage they can cause.

While the aforementioned bills and congressional efforts show lawmakers are taking a step in the right direction, there is still a long road ahead. Fortunately, you can make a difference.

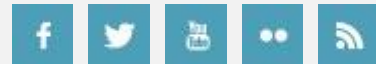
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