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Joe—

This Thanksgiving—on behalf of the National Mining Association—I'd like to thank the hardworking employees of the mining industry. Without their commitment to our communities and their innovative spirit, we would not have products and technologies that both sustain and improve our quality of life.

Minerals and metals are essential, irreplaceable components of modern technology. In fact, in 2014, the U.S. used **nearly 40,000 pounds** of minerals per person and the mining sector supported 1.3 million jobs—many in other industries. Put simply—even if you don't personally know a miner, they are making a difference in your life every day.

One of these essential minerals is uranium. Found throughout the western U.S., you might be surprised to learn that uranium is used to make life-saving technologies like X-rays and MRI machines. Uranium is also used to produce nuclear energy, which is a vital part of an all-of-the-above energy portfolio that helps the U.S. meet electricity demands. See our newest infographic to learn more about uranium [here](#).

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Infographic: Uranium



*The discovery of uranium paved the way for modern technologies like X-ray machines and home security systems. Learn more about this critical mineral [here](#).*

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**Minerals Support our Armed Forces**



*Minerals and metals are used to make the equipment that keep our troops safe. Learn more about how minerals support national defense [here](#).*

Please join me in expressing gratitude by taking a moment to thank any miners in your life.

I hope that you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Thank you,

Hal Quinn  
NMA President and CEO



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