



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- 62% of Americans are concerned about the U.S. minerals import reliance.
- A 2019 Department of Commerce report included recommendations to ensure a reliable supply chain.
- Punitive amendments to the General Mining Law are unnecessary and will only hurt our domestic mining industry.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

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Dear Joe,

2019 was an incredible year for the minerals mining industry. Throughout the year, we celebrated victories and overcame challenges, with a number of notable moments for mining in 2019:

[DOC Report](#)



The Department of Commerce released a report that caused industry experts to

sound the alarm on minerals mining policies. Review the key takeaways from the DOC's report on permitting delays and import dependence [[HERE](#)].

This is Mining



Rapidly advancing technology improved mine safety and performance. Take an inside look at a modern-day American mine [[HERE](#)].

The Mining Law of 1872



Rep. Raul Grijalva and other members of Congress pursued legislation that

would add unreasonable taxes to domestic mining and would include unwarranted land withdrawals. Learn why punitive amendments to the General Mining Law are unnecessary [[HERE](#)].

Minerals Are the Key to Our Energy Future



The increase of alternative energy technology means greater demand for minerals. Discover the ways minerals support our tech-heavy world [[HERE](#)].

Morning Consult Poll



62 percent of Americans believe the U.S. should be doing more to encourage the use of domestically-mined minerals and decrease reliance on foreign-imported minerals. See the polling results [[HERE](#)].

Minerals: The Overlooked Foundation of Our Future



The National Mining Association hosted an event on Minerals: The Overlooked Foundation of Our Future. Watch the video that kicked it off on the importance of minerals [[HERE](#)].

On a personal note, this fall I was deeply honored to take the helm of the National Mining Association, succeeding Hal Quinn who was a personal mentor of mine. In my new role as President and CEO, I know that hundreds of thousands of Americans take great pride in their work for the mining industry, and I want them to know that I take great pride in serving as their voice here in Washington, D.C.

As we enter 2020, we carry a new sense of urgency into this next decade. Our country's reliance on foreign minerals continues, but with help of [legislators who value the important role of minerals](#) and the [support of the American people](#), we're confident American mining will be even stronger in the coming years. We are committed to advocating for a vibrant domestic mining industry and to protecting America's miners.

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to working with you in 2020.

Thank you,

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NMA President and CEO



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