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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- [USGS releases Mineral Commodity Summaries 2025 report](#), U.S. remains 100 percent import reliant for 15 minerals.
- China expands [restrictions on minerals exports to the U.S.](#) in response to tariffs.
- [Seventy percent of Americans](#) want the U.S. to ramp up domestic minerals production to reduce our reliance on China.
- Learn more about [our priorities and ask to policymakers](#) in 2025.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

February 18, 2025

Dear Friend,

As global tensions rise and retaliatory tariffs and export restrictions continue to be levied by adversaries like China, the United States finds itself at a crossroads on the topic of mineral import reliance. The newly-released [USGS Mineral Commodity Summaries 2025 report](#) highlights the need to shore up production of minerals. According to the recently released report, the United States was 100 percent import reliant for 15 minerals in 2024. The report also noted that China, along with Canada, was the leading source of mineral commodities in 2024. This report should be a wake-up call: our national security risk continues to grow every day we fail to take action.

Despite concerning insights in the USGS report, the American minerals industry has made impressive strides. Approvals for new, important projects like the [Perpetua Resources' antimony and gold project](#) and [Ioneer's Rhyolite Ridge Lithium-Boron project](#) will help strengthen our supply chains and bolster our national security. Still, there is more to be done. We simply cannot afford to wait and risk being left behind while the rest of the world moves ahead because of an excess of red tape.

According to a recent public opinion poll conducted by Maru Public Opinion for the NMA, 70 percent of Americans want the U.S. to ramp up domestic minerals production. While there were a number of key legislative wins for domestic mining in 2024, several proposals to improve domestic minerals production have yet to be made law. Bipartisan bills like the [Mining Regulatory Clarity Act](#), [The Critical Mineral Consistency Act](#) and [The Energy Permitting Reform Act of 2024](#) should be top of mind for our elected officials in 2025. These laws, if enacted, would improve coordination between federal agencies for crucial minerals decisions and address the long, costly and uncertain process for approving domestic minerals mines. They would also help us meet the continuously growing demand for essential minerals in this age of rapid technology advancement. Every day we fail to act on these common-sense policies, we become more reliant on our adversaries and less secure.

[Rich Nolan](#)

National Mining Association (NMA)
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[Securing the U.S. supply chain continues to prove critical to national security as China tightens grip on minerals](#)

The United States continues to face deep vulnerabilities to its mineral supply chains because of its reliance on imported minerals. According to the recently released 2025 Mineral Commodity Summaries Report by the United States Geologic Survey (USGS), the United States was 100 percent net import-reliant for 15 minerals in 2024.

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DC Journal — 2/6/25

[Declawing China's Minerals Weapon](#)

National Mining Association CEO Rich Nolan recently published an op-ed discussing United States reliance on mineral imports, specifically from China. Long-held fears that China could simply cut-off access to essential materials needed to supply our defense sector have become reality. Our mineral insecurity is a crisis, and China has many more levers to pull.

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[China's curbs on exports of strategic minerals](#)

China announced sweeping export controls on Tuesday targeting five metals used across defense, clean energy and other industries, minutes after an additional 10% tariff on Chinese goods imposed by U.S. President Donald Trump came into effect. The creeping expansion of restrictions has Western companies scrambling to [rejig supply chains](#) for those affected critical minerals.

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