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## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- President Trump's minerals [executive order paves the way](#) for sweeping overhauls to domestic minerals capabilities
- Efforts are underway on the Hill and at the White House to [curb import reliance](#)
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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

April 14, 2025

Dear VOX,

Increasing trade tensions with China, and China's willingness to limit the export of strategic minerals to the U.S., underscore the ongoing and deep vulnerabilities in America's mineral supply chains. In response, a range of actions—from President Trump's minerals-focused executive order to legislation in Congress—signal a strategic alignment of U.S. economic and national security priorities.

On March 20, [President Trump issued the "Immediate Measures to Increase American Mineral Production" Executive Order](#), designed to reduce reliance on foreign minerals and accelerate domestic production. The order charges the National Energy Dominance Council (NEDC) with prioritizing permitting and mineral projects, focusing specifically on uranium, copper and lithium. Additionally, the order invokes the Defense Production Act to secure supply chains and provide financial support for new mining initiatives. By coordinating resources and aligning production capabilities, this order will underpin infrastructure development, national security and technological innovation.

On Capitol Hill, the [Critical Mineral Consistency Act](#) was reintroduced by Senators Lee (R-Utah) and Kelly (D-Ariz.), alongside Reps. Ciscomani (R-Ariz.) and Lee (D-Nev.). This bipartisan, bicameral legislation seeks to streamline the classification of critical minerals, aligning the Critical Materials List maintained by the Department of Energy with the Critical Minerals List curated by the U.S. Geological Survey. By harmonizing these lists, the act ensures transparency and consistency across federal agencies, to produce more of the minerals our economy needs.


Additionally, the Mining Regulatory Clarity Act (S. 544) passed out of Committee with bipartisan support. This important bill, which is absolutely necessary to provide mining companies with the certainty needed to conduct mining operations on public lands, now moves to the full Senate.

Let's keep up the momentum to reduce our dependence on imports and expand domestic mining. We must seize this moment to unlock America's mineral potential and build a resilient economy for future generations.

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**[President Trump's Bold Shift in Domestic Minerals Policy.](#)**

On March 20, 2025, President Trump signed the "Immediate Measures to Increase American Mineral Production" executive order. This sweeping directive is aimed at bolstering domestic minerals production to enhance national security, support emerging technologies and reduce reliance on minerals imports.

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Deseret News — 3/21/25

**[Snatching minerals from other countries is not a smart strategy.](#)**

On Thursday, President Donald Trump moved to unleash domestic mining for critical minerals and rare earth elements in the name of national security. His order, among other things, directs the heads of multiple agencies, including the departments of Energy and Defense, to identify as many sites as possible on federal land managed by their respective agencies that may be suitable for leasing and for the construction and operation of private commercial mineral production operations.

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Washington Examiner— 3/20/25

**[Trump signs order to boost critical minerals using Defense Production Act](#)**

President Donald Trump signed an executive order on Thursday that would help streamline U.S. production of critical minerals in an effort to reduce reliance on foreign entities. The order is geared at ensuring a domestic supply of minerals used in energy production and for defense purposes and could also be used to help coal mining.

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