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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- The Trump administration adds [20 key mining projects to FAST-41](#), supporting domestic minerals production and streamlining permitting.
- Senate moves [Mining Regulatory Clarity Act](#) closer to floor vote after advancing through the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee.
- Shoring up the U.S. domestic minerals supply is more important than ever, according to a [USGS minerals commodity report](#) revealing substantial dependence on imports.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

May 12, 2025

Dear <<First Name>>,

On April 18, 2025, the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council announced an [initial group of mineral production projects](#) that will benefit from increased transparency, accountability, and predictability in the permitting review process. Following this announcement, an additional 10 projects received FAST- 41 status on May 2, 2025. These exciting actions highlight the economic, strategic, and national importance of minerals mining to this administration. Thirteen of our NMA members were included on these lists:

- Resolution Copper Project
- Stibnite Gold Project
- McDermitt Exploration Project
- Caldwell Canyon Mine Project
- Libby Exploration Project
- Lisbon Valley Copper Project
- NorthMet Project
- La Jara Mesa
- Roca Honda Project
- Greens Creek Surface Exploration
- Stillwater Mine
- 3PL Railroad Valley Exploration Project
- Amelia A&B

The economic and regulatory impact of these actions will be transformational. By streamlining the [permitting process](#), clarifying regulatory language, and establishing greater coordination and cooperation between federal and state regulatory agencies, we will be able to bring these mines online more efficiently and help America unlock its true potential. Once approved, these projects will [bolster our national security and defense capabilities](#) while creating thousands of high-paying jobs.

[Positive developments are also occurring in Congress](#), with the Critical Mineral Clarity Act passing an important milestone in the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, coming one step closer to a full vote. These actions underscore the national importance of minerals to the economy and our national security. Continued momentum is needed to reduce mine permitting wait times and promote America's mineral independence.

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President and CEO



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[**Removing Obstacles to Mining’s Contributions to the Economy and National Security.**](#)

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[**US adds 10 more mining projects to fast-track permitting list**](#)

The Trump administration on Friday added 10 more US mining projects to a fast-track permitting list aimed at expanding critical minerals production across the country. The projects – which would supply copper, palladium and other minerals –

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have been granted FAST-41 status, a federal initiative launched in 2015 to streamline approvals of critical infrastructure.

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