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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- China is tightening restrictions on exports of rare earth metals, exposing United States supply chains and threatening critical economic sectors.
- The Pentagon is accelerating plans to buy up to $1 billion in minerals to expand its national stockpile and counter China’s export restrictions.
- As part of their 10-year Security and Resiliency Initiative, JPMorgan is investing $1.5 trillion to facilitate, finance and invest in industries critical to national economic security and resiliency.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

October 30, 2025

Dear <<First Name>>,

During this period of government shutdown, I know your focus is divided among many urgent priorities. I appreciate your continued engagement on the national security and economic issues that cannot pause—including the critical need to strengthen America's mineral supply chains. As China leverages export controls on key minerals, supply chain vulnerabilities are pushing minerals security to the center of the conversation.

In recent months, China has expanded restrictions on exports of rare earth elements and other strategic minerals, using its controls as geopolitical leverage. These restrictions directly threaten core U.S. sectors—defense, manufacturing, advanced energy and the technologies behind smartphones, semiconductors and AI data centers—all of which depend on minerals for components, magnets, batteries and specialized materials.

Our leaders have shown a clear shift in policy priorities in response to these external threats. We are now increasingly focused on advancing responsible domestic mining, rebuilding onshore processing capacity and modernizing project permitting. Through executive actions by the Trump administration, we've been able to align efforts across federal agencies, state and industry partners, and alleviate bureaucratic red tape. In Congress, bipartisan proposals such as the SPEED Act and Mining Regulatory Clarity Act can help codify some of these actions, streamlining duplicative reviews and providing regulatory certainty.

We are also focusing on people and capital. Public and private investment in domestic mining is growing, and we are taking steps to ensure the mining workforce is prepared to meet that demand.

The United States must ramp up domestic production to restore supply chain resilience and reduce vulnerabilities. We've built momentum over the past year toward American minerals independence. By acting quickly, the United States can secure our minerals supply, protect national security and strengthen American competitiveness.

Thank you,

Rich Nolan
National Mining Association (NMA)
President and CEO

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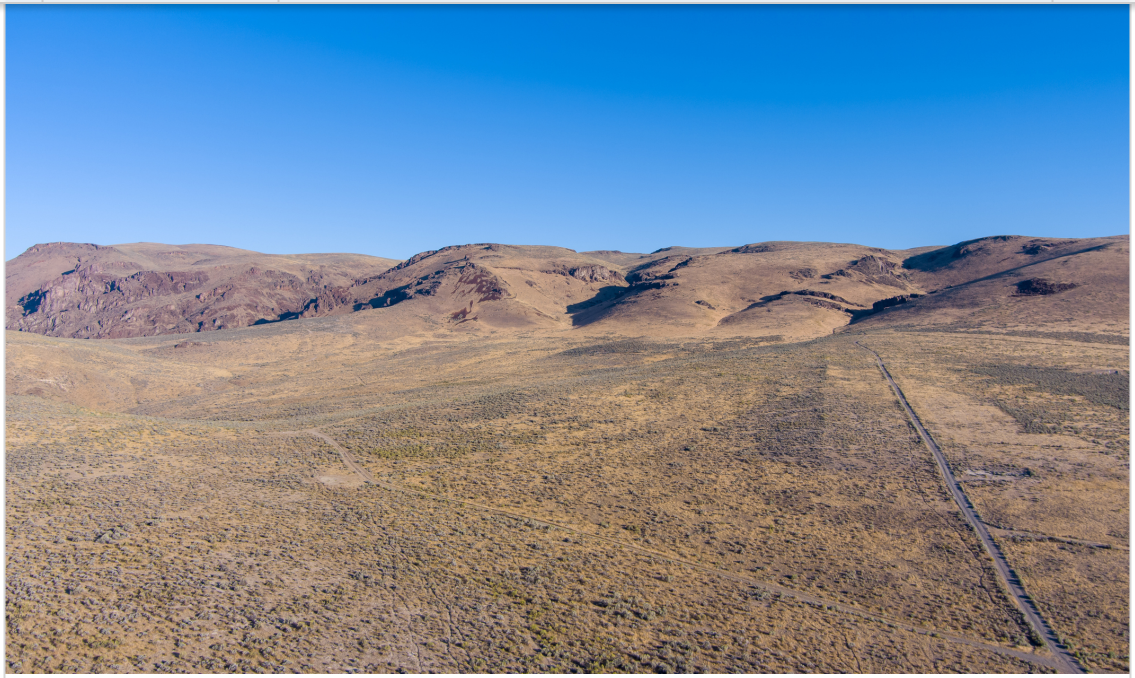

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Minerals Make Life Blog: Breaking China’s Rare Earth Grip: The Case for More Domestic Mining

Escalating Chinese export bans on rare earth elements and other strategic minerals have brought minerals security to the forefront of American policy debates. With each new restriction, China tightens its grip on minerals vital to our military, technology and energy sectors, growing its leverage over U.S. national security and economic interests.

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Pentagon moves to build $1 billion critical minerals stockpile to counter China — report

The Pentagon has moved to acquire up to $1 billion worth of critical minerals as part of an accelerated stockpiling drive aimed at reducing US dependence on China, the Financial Times reported on Sunday, citing public filings from the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA).

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JPMorgan to invest up to $10 billion in US companies with crucial ties to national security

JPMorgan Chase will directly invest up to $10 billion in U.S. companies with crucial ties to national security. The investment plan revealed Monday will focus on four areas: supply chain and advanced manufacturing in critical minerals, pharmaceutical precursors and robotics; defense and aerospace; energy independence, with investments in battery storage and grid resilience; and strategic technologies, including artificial intelligence, cybersecurity and quantum computing.

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