

# U.S. Mining: Celebrating 20 Years of Progress

## THEN vs NOW

1995

2015

### Environmental Progress

1.5  
Million

Acres of Mine Land Reclaimed



2.7  
Million

+80%

13,612  
Pounds

Metal Mining  
Mercury Air Emissions



2,093  
Pounds

-85%

SO<sub>2</sub>\* - 11.6

NO<sub>x</sub>\*  
5.6

Coal Emissions  
(million tons)



SO<sub>2</sub> - 3.2

NO<sub>x</sub>  
1.7

-69%

\$17  
Billion

Value of Domestically  
Recycled Metals

\$31  
Billion

+82%

\*NO<sub>x</sub> - mono-nitrogen oxides nitric oxide and nitrogen dioxide

\*SO<sub>x</sub> - sulfur oxides

Sources: OSMRE, EPA, USGS  
Based on latest available data

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