



## Memorandum

Minerals Policy Task Force

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DOE Releases RFI for 2026 Energy Critical Materials Assessment

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The Department of Energy (DOE) has released a Request for Information (RFI) seeking public comments to inform compilation of the 2026 Energy Critical Materials Assessment. Please find a link to the RFI [here](#).

Specifically, the DOE is seeking "information on data and/or other information that support energy technologies of interest, materials of interest, supply chain information, market dynamics, challenges to domestic industry, methodology, DOE critical materials and DOI [Department of the Interior] critical minerals lists, and other stakeholder issues related to the Energy Critical Materials Assessment." The assessment will be used to update DOE's 2023 list of materials that are critical to energy. DOE anticipates updating the assessment every three years to reflect the most current data.

### Next Steps

The National Mining Association (NMA) plans to submit industry comments in response to the RFI, which must be received by DOE no later than July 25. To assist in this effort, the NMA is requesting information from interested member companies, including justification for why specific minerals or materials should be included in the assessment as well as any helpful or supporting materials.

To provide the NMA with appropriate time to organize and review this information, please provide your company's response by **no later than Noon on July 18**.

If you have any questions about the RFI or next steps, please contact Katie Sweeney at [ksweeney@nma.org](mailto:ksweeney@nma.org) or Justin Prosser at [jprosser@nma.org](mailto:jprosser@nma.org).

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