

# State Perspective on Critical Minerals for Clean Energy

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- 2. Messaging- Critical Minerals
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# Who we are

# What we do













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Virginia's Renewable Energy team serves as support for renewable energy deployment across the Commonwealth. Renewable energy programs focus on ease of deployment, equal access and contributions toward a carbon free electric grid.

#### **Clean Energy Virginia**

Expanding Access to Clean Energy and Growing the Clean Energy Jobs of the Future!

The Virginia Clean Economy Act of 2020 set several clean energy goals for the Commonwealth. The Clean Energy Virginia Dashboard was created as a way to measure that progress and make it available for anyone to view. This dashboard is a collaboration between the University of Virginia and Virginia Energy. Click below to learn more about these programs:









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# Messaging

Critical materials are needed for:

cell phones computers computer chips electric vehicle batteries wind turbines solar power panels



### Periodic table of elements highlighting the "critical minerals"

	1 H Hydrogen Nonmetal					2022 Critical Mineral					2018 List							2 He Helium Noble Gas
	3 Li Lithium Alkali Metal	4 Be Beryllium Alkaline Earth Metal			Li Lithium Alkali Me	S Na etal Ch	ymbc ame aemical Gro		Heliu Noble	<b>2</b> m Gas			5 B Boron Metalloid	6 C Carbon Nonmetal	7 N Nitrogen Nonmetal	8 O Oxygen Nonmetal	9 F Fluorine <sub>Halogen</sub>	10 Ne Neon Noble Gas
	11 Na Sodium Alkali Metal	12 Mg Magnesium Alkaline Earth Metal											13 Al Aluminum Post-Transition Metal	14 Si Silicon Metalloid	15 P Phosphorus Nonmetal	16 S Sulfur Nonmetal	17 Cl Chlorine Halogen	18 Ar Argon Noble Gas
	19 <b>K</b> Potassium Alkali Metal	20 Ca Calcium Alkaline Earth Metal	21 Sc Scandium Transition Metal	22 Ti Titanium Transition Metal	23 V Vanadium Transition Metal	24 Cr Chromium Transition Metal	25 Mn Manganese Transition Metal	26 Fe Iron Transition Metal	27 CO Cobalt Transition Metal	28 <b>Ni</b> Nickel Transition Metal	29 Cu Copper Transition Metal	30 Zn Zinc Transition Metal	31 Gallium Post-Transition Metal	32 Ge Germanium Metalloid	33 As Arsenic Metalloid	34 Se Selenium Nonmetal	35 Br Bromine Halogen	36 Kr Krypton Noble Gas
	37 Rb Rubidium Alkali Metal	38 <b>Sr</b> Strontium Alkaline Earth Metal	39 Y Yttrium Transition Metal	40 Zr Zirconium Transition Metal	41 Nb Niobium Transition Metal	42 Mo Molybdenum Transition Metal	43 TC Technetium Transition Metal	44 Ru Ruthenium Transition Metal	45 Rh Rhodium Transition Metal	46 Pd Palladium Transition Metal	47 Ag Silver Transition Metal	48 Cd Cadmium Transition Metal	49 In Indium Post-Transition Metal	50 <b>Sn</b> Tin Post-Transition Metal	51 Sb Antimony Metalloid	52 <b>Te</b> Tellurium <sub>Metalloid</sub>	53   Iodine <sub>Halogen</sub>	54 Xe Xenon Noble Gas
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	87 Fr Francium Alkali Metal	88 Ra Radium Alkaline Earth Metal		104 <b>Rf</b> Rutherfordium Transition Metal	105 Db Dubnium Transition Metal	106 Sg Seaborgium Transition Metal	107 Bh Bohrium Transition Metal	108 Hs Hassium Transition Metal	109 Mt Meitnerium Transition Metal	110 Ds Darmstadtium Transition Metal	111 Rg Roentgenium Transition Metal	112 Cn Copernicium Transition Metal	113 <b>Nh</b> Nihonium Post-Transition Metal	114 <b>Fl</b> Flerovium Post-Transition Metal	115 Mc Moscovium Post-Transition Metal	116 LV Livermorium Post-Transition Metal	117 TS Tennessine Halogen	118 Og Oganesson Noble Gas
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https://www.energy.virginia.gov/geology/criticalminerals.shtml

- <u>Solar</u>: Al, Ge, Ni, Te, Cd, In, Se, Sn, Cu, Fe, Si, Zn, Ga, Pb, Ag
- <u>Wind</u>: Al, Fe, Mo, Cr, Pb, REEs, Co, Mn, Zn, Cu
- <u>eVs & Storage</u>: Al, C, Li, REEs Co, Fe, Mn, Si, Cu, Pb, Ni, Ti





### Projected Demand in 2050 for Critical Elements as % of 2020 Production



Graph by L. Skiffington, 2022; 2050 demand projections based on IEA 2DS scenario (steel production excluded by World Bank)

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### Our Geologists Harvest Heavy Minerals



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#### Mission

AASG standing committees maintain awareness and analysis of key topics; each year, a given committee may or may not be active, as priorities fluctuate, and as special projects arise; the Chair or Co-Chairs recruit committee members as needed

#### Responsibilities

The Committee: seeks to optimize the state geological survey role in this topic; monitors policy developments; works with Congressional members and staff; supports development of AASG Congressional Testimony as required; monitors and provides input into Federal legislation and regulations; ensures that AASG is represented on related federal advisory committees; monitors and advocates for the federal role, including external grants; facilitates collaboration with federal agencies; collaborates with partners organizations such as NGOs; assists in development and implementation of AASG positions and initiatives; shares pertinent information with the AASG community; updates the AASG Position Statement; helps with AASG annual meeting program planning when asked; and reports to the annual meeting

**Current Committee Members** Nick (Berry) H. Tew, Chair Scott W. Tinker, Chair



## U.S. Geological Survey's Earth MRI Program

**Project Description** 



**National Map Viewer** 



https://www.usgs.gov/special-topics/earth-mri https://ngmdb.usgs.gov/emri/#3/40/-96



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Evolve Central Appalachia: Carbon Ore, Rare Earth and Critical Minerals (CORE-CM) Initiative for the Central Appalachia Basin (Evolve CAPP)



A pile of waste coal near Clinchco in Dickenson County. Photo courtesy of Frank Kilgore from Cardinal News What to Do with Gob 11/9/21 Sarah Wade:

https://cardinalnews.org/2021/11/09/what-to-do-with-gob/



Evolve CAPP looks at coal waste (GOB) for strategic minerals supply



Dr. Karmis & Will Clear Photo courtesy of Mark Still Mar 17, 2022



https://energy.vt.edu/research/evolve-capp/in-the-press/evolve-capp0.html

### Evolve CAPP

- Support from several energy companies, engineering firms, and public-private cooperation to evaluate what supplies of recoverable minerals and metals can be found in the region.
- The project will also evaluate and recommend technology and processes to recover materials in an economical and environmentally sound way.
- A coalition of two universities and four community and technical colleges in the region



### Evolve CAPP-Strengthen Domestic Supply Chain

- The Evolve Central Appalachia project is developing & implementing strategies that enable the region to realize its full economic potential for producing rare earth elements, critical minerals, & high-value, nonfuel, carbon-based products.
- Strategies will be presented to spur economic growth, close supply chain gaps, promote investment in the region, and address workforce education and training opportunities.
- The project aims to show how Southwest Virginia can become a link in federal efforts to strengthen domestic supply chains for rare earth elements and critical minerals for technology uses.



### Core CM Evolve CAPP

### **Project Objectives:**

- 1. Determine the quantity & distribution of resources in the region
- 2. Formulate strategies to utilize coal waste streams to produce useful fuels & materials
- 3. Evaluate regional infrastructure & identify industries that may
  - benefit from Rare Earth Element & Critical Mineral production
- 4. Develop strategies to encourage business development
- 5. Guide research & development of new technologies
- 6. Frame plans to establish technology innovation centers
- 7. Implement stakeholder outreach & education initiatives



### Evolve CAPP

- Evolve CAPP program concludes in September 2023
- The aim is not for Department of Energy to produce the material but instead to de-risk the technologies so private companies will have the motivation to license the new processes and produce goods through the commercial sector.
- we can come in and clean up these legacy wastes. And we can create ... almost a new industry in those regions focused on rare earth production and manufacturing.
- You can meet a national security need, and you can supply jobs to regions that are in desperate need of jobs, and you have an opportunity to support better environmental outcomes.



### Critical Mineral Extraction





Wencai Zhang is working on the extraction of critical minerals from coal waste and other materials. Randy Walker photo.

https://cardinalnews.org/2022/09/14/tech-scientists-see-rare-opportunity-in-appalachia/



### IIJA

- The Act's funding provisions are aimed at increasing domestic production. First, the bill codifies and funds a US Geological Survey (USGS) effort to compile critical mineral resource location data in the United States. Section 40201 provides \$320 million to the USGS to enhance the Earth Mapping Resources Initiative (Earth MRI), a program of above- and below-ground mapping of mineral resources across the United States. In what could be characterized as a "mining lifecycle approach," Section 40202 prioritizes the mapping of abandoned mine land and mine waste which could be potential sources of multiple critical minerals. The Earth MRI results will be publicly available.
- Second, Section 40204 of the IIJA allocates a \$140 million grant to build a Rare Earth Demonstration Facility to develop the commercial feasibility of extracting rare earth elements from acid mine drainage, mine waste, and "other deleterious material," and to separate mixed rare earth oxides into pure oxides of each rare earth element.

https://www.arnoldporter.com/en/perspectives/blogs/environmental-edge/2021/12/domestic-production-of-criticalminerals?utm\_source=Mondaq&utm\_medium=syndication&utm\_campaign=LinkedIn-integration

### Questions to Ponder

•What are or can be roles for State Energy Offices or states generally to support and improve critical mineral supply chain? Are there roles and opportunities for states that may not the geologic resources within their boundaries?

•Mining and processing facilities can engender major concerns over potential adverse environmental and social impacts, including for vulnerable communities? What is or can be done to address such concerns and mitigate adverse impacts?

- How does potential supply of various critical minerals from unconventional resources, e.g., recovery from coal, byproducts, alternative sources, compare to conventional recovery? What are challenges, opportunities, tradeoffs?
- What is or will be roles and limitations for reuse and recycling in the shorter and longer term? And for alternatives/substitutes (e.g., battery component formulations)? [*Recycling question: I'm thinking about the timing aspect—at least for batteries, growing demand will far outstrip the supply of used/spent products for recycling but I'd think it important to design products, develop technologies, and plan infrastructure for ease of recycling circular economy.*]

### Thank You