DOI releases critical minerals report

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The DOI and Secretary Zinke have released a critical mineral report—the first of its kind in a long time that provides direction to the Department to prioritize the identification, location, and data surrounding critical minerals. Please see the link within the press release for the Report that demonstrates these minerals are widely dispersed across many states. Fluorine or Gallium in Oklahoma, graphite and lithium in South Dakota for example. These types of minerals are also seeing increased investment by industry and the Federal Government. This niche industry may provide new opportunities for our member states in the future.

Read the DOI's official news release <u>here</u>. The report can be accessed <u>here</u>.

Sincerely,

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