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## This Week in the News

Both the House and Senate are on Memorial Day recess this week. At the White House, the Biden administration continued to grapple with inflation, the war in Ukraine, and now a tragic mass shooting. While the headlines remain dominated by high profile issues, the National Mining Association (NMA) remains focused on actively engaging to advance mining's interests at both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue. Plus, we have updates on how the mining and energy markets are faring.

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## Safety Share

[MyCarDoesWhat.org](http://MyCarDoesWhat.org) has a wealth of information about modern automobile safety devices, including a tool to [look up your car's features](#).

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## Congress Hears Bills Affecting Coal and Minerals



Next week, U.S. Senate and U.S. House committees will hold hearings on multiple bills potentially affecting coal and mineral operations. On June 7, the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining will hold a hearing on multiple public lands bills creating new area protection designations in specific states. On June 9, the U.S. House Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources will hold a hearing on multiple coal reclamation, bonding and royalties, and fee bills. The U.S. Senate hearing agenda can be found [here](#) and the U.S. House hearing agenda can be found [here](#). The NMA leverages these opportunities to provide educational information and company-specific information as committee members review the bills.

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## NMA Comments on Army Corps' Review of NWP



The NMA filed [comments](#) on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) formal review of nationwide permit (NWP) 12 for oil and gas pipeline activities. While the Corps is only considering potential changes to NWP 12 at this time, the NMA is concerned that the potential revisions, if applied more broadly, could jeopardize the utility of NWPs the mining sector uses. The NMA's comments urged the Corps to suspend its review of NWP 12 and retain the suite of final 2021 NWPs until their expiration in 2026. The NMA's comments also highlighted how the potential changes being explored by the Corps fail to align with Congress' intent in creating a general permit program; compromise the Corps' regulatory strategy; and inhibit responsible development and progress on the administration's critical infrastructure and energy goals. Many thanks to the members who provided input and feedback on the comments during the drafting process. The NMA will keep you informed of any important developments regarding the Corps' further review of the NWP program.

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## New ESG Content for NMA Members

As a member, you can receive timely and valuable Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) related information to inform your business. To receive ESG information, including invitations to the NMA's ESG Resource Sessions and other ESG developments directly, please complete [this short form](#) to be added to the new NMA ESG Resource Group.

The [NMA website](#) also showcases the association's ESG journey and how our companies are taking action on ESG. If your company is interested in spotlighting your ESG work on this website, please contact [Ashley Burke](#).

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## NMA and Third Party Voices

[The Las Vegas Sun](#) (Nev.), [Grand Junction Daily Sentinel](#) (Colo.), [The Fairbanks Daily News-Miner](#) (AK) and [Pharos Tribune](#) (Ind.) all ran an op-ed by Rich Nolan in which he argues the U.S. can build a secure, responsible mineral supply chain under existing world-leading environmental and labor standards that underpins EV deployment, but it won't happen if we don't rise to the moment and recognize the intersection of mining policy with our energy security goals.

From our third parties, [The Canton Repository](#) (Ohio) and [Steubenville Herald-Star](#) (Ohio) carry an op-ed from Robert Chase, an emeritus professor at Marietta College former chair of the Department of Petroleum Engineering and Geology, in which he argues there's a global race for critical minerals and the U.S. can win if we embrace our mineral potential.

## Mining and Energy News

[World Steel Association](#) reported that global crude steel production was 162.7 million metric tons (Mt) in April 2022, a 5.1 percent decrease compared to April 2021.

[Huffington Post](#) reported that a lithium mining startup promised to make a rural pocket of North Carolina a clean-energy boomtown. But perceived slights and concerns over water have turned neighbors against the project.

[Ohio Valley ReSource](#) reported that labor shortages and reluctance by operators to invest in greater production prevents Appalachia's coal industry from fully revving up amid a spike

in global coal demand and prices.

[E&E News PM](#) reported that the Biden administration has unveiled guidance for states and some Indigenous communities seeking to tap \$725 million in grant funding to clean up abandoned coal mine sites.

[Mining Weekly](#) reported that ferrous metals (blast furnace steel) and coal (thermal) are the most exposed to climate risk in the metals and mining sector, according to credit rating agency Fitch Ratings.

[CNBC](#) reported on a research paper from the Columbia University's Center for Global Energy Policy on Russia's dominance in nuclear power supply chains indicating that in 2020 Russia owned 40 percent of the total uranium conversion infrastructure in the world.

The U.S. Department of Labor's [Mine Safety & Health Administration](#) announced the availability of \$10.5 million in state grant funding to support mine safety, health training, education.

[E&E Greenwire](#) reported that a planned West Virginia battery factory has committed to hiring former coal miners under a new labor agreement with the United Mine Workers of America.

[E&E News](#) reported that "mining giant Glencore PLC has agreed to pay up to \$1.5 billion to authorities in the United States, United Kingdom and Brazil to end yearslong bribery and market manipulation investigations."

[E&E Energywire](#) and [Axios](#) reported that a group of automakers, battery manufacturers and lithium producers are launching a group aimed at shoring up the U.S. battery supply chain.

[Mining.com](#) reported that permitting processes in Canada will need to be streamlined to match rising demand for minerals.

[E&E Greenwire](#) and others reported that EPA has proposed a new veto of the Pebble

mine in Alaska under the Clean Water Act, a rare move that would create permanent environmental protections for Bristol Bay fisheries.

[E&E Greenwire](#) reported that Hudbay Minerals Inc.'s Copper World project can advance while the developer's nearby Rosemont Mine remains on ice. A federal court this week allowed the Canadian developer to move forward with a copper mine on private land in southern Arizona.

[Energywire](#) reported on the recent International Energy Agency annual electric vehicle report, noting that electric vehicle sales remain strong in 2022, but warning that supply chain constraints on lithium and other critical minerals could threaten the sector's growth.

[Argus](#) reported that coal production from western bituminous mines in Colorado and Utah increased last quarter, supported by export markets.

[Argus](#) reported on U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) data showing U.S. coal-fueled generation fell year over year for the second month in a row in March as natural gas and renewable energy rose.

[CNBC](#) published: "Natural gas surges above \$9, hits the highest since 2008 as inventories stay low."

EIA's 2021 [Uranium Marketing Annual Report](#) shows that owners and operators of U.S. civilian nuclear power reactors purchased a total of 46.7 million pounds U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>e (equivalent) of deliveries from U.S. suppliers and foreign suppliers during 2021. The vast majority of uranium delivered in 2021 (95%) was of foreign-origin with Kazakhstan the top source at 35 percent of total deliveries. Canadian-origin material accounted for the second-most material at 14.8 percent of total and Australia third with 14.4 percent of total deliveries.

[Argus](#) reported that more coal and coke are moving along U.S. waterways this year, reflecting increased demand and possibly an attempt by some shippers to work around persistent rail backlogs.

[Mining.com](#) reported from Bloomberg that lithium, the wonder metal at the heart of the

global shift to electric cars, is in a full-blown crisis.

[Visual Capitalist](#) illustrated how an electric vehicle can use six times more minerals than a gasoline powered car.

Regional grid manager PJM recommended that the last coal-fueled unit at the Indian River Power Plant [remain open](#) into 2026.

Germany announced it will order coal-fueled power plants scheduled for closure [to be placed in reserve](#) instead.

India ordered its state-owned coal producer to [begin importing coal](#), as well, in the face of looming summer energy shortages.

## Mining Action Strategy Team

Access the latest snapshot of the NMA's ongoing regulatory efforts. The MAST tracker is updated weekly to the extent new actions have occurred.

Current password: Mining

[Mining Action Strategy Team](#)

## PDAC RETURNS



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The Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) has asked the NMA to remind you that PDAC's annual Convention will be back in Toronto, from June 13-15, as well as an online portion from June 28-29. The PDAC Convention provides a platform for experts to connect and talk, learn and collaborate about the opportunities and challenges faced by the industry. For the latest information on #PDAC2022 head to [www.pdac.ca/convention](http://www.pdac.ca/convention).

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