Rare Earth Elements: Global Reserves and Production

With China’s recent threat to ban exports of rare earths to the United States, it may be time to find an alternative.

Rare earths are a series of seventeen elements found in the Earth’s crust with unique magnetic, luminescent and electrochemical properties, making them essential components of many modern technologies.

COUNTRIES WITH MAJOR RARE EARTH RESERVES

CHINA

Brazil

Vietnam

Russia

India

Australia

UNITED STATES

RARE EARTH MINES AND DEPOSIT SITES

* Reserve figures in metric tons (MT)

1,400,000 MT

12,000,000 MT

44,000,000 MT

6,900,000 MT

22,000,000 MT

3,400,000 MT

Kilotons of Rare Earth Oxide Equivalent Produced


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