

Westwater Resources Supports Executive Order to Increase American Mineral Production

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[Westwater Resources Inc.](#) (NYSE American: WWR), an energy technology and battery-grade natural graphite company ("Westwater" or the "Company"), supports U.S. President Donald Trump's executive order enacting immediate measures to increase U.S. critical mineral production.

The U.S. currently relies on imports of at least 15 critical minerals, including graphite which is currently supplied almost entirely by companies located in China. The new executive order effective March 20, 2025, names the Defense Production Act and the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation as mechanisms for supporting an effort to provide financing, loans and other investment support to domestically process critical minerals.

Steve Cates, Westwater's Chief Financial Officer, commented, "Importantly, the action affects both the mining of critical minerals and the processing of those materials after they are mined. The directive has the potential to positively impact the permitting process related to the development of our Coosa Deposit - which is the largest known graphite deposit in the contiguous U.S. As a result, we believe this executive order could accelerate and improve access to financing at Westwater."

About Westwater Resources, Inc.

Westwater Resources is an energy technology company that is focused on developing battery-grade natural graphite. Westwater Resources' primary project is the Kellyton Graphite Processing Plant that is under construction in east-central Alabama. In addition, Westwater Resources' Coosa Graphite Deposit is the largest and most advanced natural flake graphite deposit in the contiguous United States - and is located across 41,965 acres (~17,000 hectares) in Coosa County, Alabama. For more information, visit [westwaterresources.net](https://www.westwaterresources.net).

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