

## AGENDA

### U.S. ISO Critical Minerals Standards Coordination Group (ICMSCG)

October 8, 2025 | 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM EST  
ANSI Headquarters: 1899 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036

TIME	SESSION I: ICMSCG U.S. TAG TRAINING
9:00 – 9:30 am	<b>Arrival, Check-In, &amp; Coffee</b>
9:30 – 9:45 am	<b>Introductions &amp; ISO U.S. Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Training Objectives</b> – <i>Rachel Hawthorne, ANSI</i>
9:45 – 11:00 am	<p><b>U.S. TAG Training: An Introduction to ANSI and ISO</b> – <i>Rachel Hawthorne and Jason Knopes, ANSI</i></p> <p><i>Provide a foundational understanding of the roles and relationship between the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).</i></p> <p><b>Part 1: Understanding ISO (15 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What is ISO?</li> <li>- Structure of ISO Committees</li> <li>- Roles and responsibilities</li> </ul> <p><b>Part 2: Introduction to ANSI (15 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What is ANSI?</li> <li>- ANSI's function as the official U.S. representative to ISO</li> <li>- The role of a U.S. Technical Advisory Group (TAG)</li> </ul> <p><b>Part 3: ANSI Participation in ISO (30 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overview of the standards development process</li> <li>- Responsibilities of TAG and TAG members</li> <li>- Why U.S. participation is important</li> </ul> <p><b>Part 4: Q&amp;A (15 minutes)</b></p>
11:00 am	<b>Break (10 minutes)</b>
11:10 – 12:05 pm	<p><b>U.S. TAG Training: ISO Critical Minerals Committees</b> – <i>Jason Knopes, ANSI and John Bonevich, NIST</i></p> <p><i>Utilizing the specific ISO committees focused on critical minerals as a use case (including their history, structure, and current work program) attendees will learn about the dynamics of how ISO committees operate to support effective participation.</i></p> <p><b>Part 1: History and Formation of ISO Critical Minerals related committees (10 minutes)</b></p> <p><b>Part 2: Committee Membership and Structure (35 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overview of the main committees, subcommittees, and working groups</li> <li>- Overview of the current membership (participating countries, organizations)</li> <li>- Overview of leadership (Chairs, Conveners) and how they are determined</li> <li>- A review of active projects and standards under development</li> </ul> <p><b>Part 3: Q&amp;A (10 minutes)</b></p>

12:05 pm	<b>Networking Lunch with Training and ICMSCG Attendees (<i>ANSI provided</i>)</b>
<b>TIME</b>	<b>SESSION II: ICMSCG KICK-OFF MEETING</b>
12:00 pm	<b>Check-In and Networking Lunch (<i>ANSI provided</i>)</b>
1:00 – 1:30 pm	<b>ICMSCG Meeting Opening: Introductions, Background, and Overview - <i>Christine Bernat, ANSI</i></b>
1:30 – 2:30 pm	<p><b>Key Activities of ISO Critical Minerals Committees</b></p> <p><i>Receive briefings on key current and anticipated near-term initiatives from the relevant ISO committees. These briefings will be followed by a discussion to identify 3–5 priority areas requiring additional resources, strategic coordination, and/or outreach.</i></p> <p><b>Committee</b></p> <p><a href="#">TC 82/SC 7</a> Sustainable mining and mine closure  <a href="#">TC 298</a> Rare Earth  <a href="#">TC 333</a> Lithium  <a href="#">TC 345</a> Materials for specialty technologies  <a href="#">PC 348</a> Sustainable raw materials</p> <p><i>Discussion topics include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gaps in U.S. stakeholder engagement at the ISO working group level</li> <li>- Areas of potential overlapping scope</li> <li>- Opportunities for new or strengthened liaisons</li> <li>- Proposals for new initiatives U.S. stakeholders wish to introduce</li> </ul>
2:30 pm	<b>Break (15 minutes)</b>
2:45 – 3:00 pm	<p><b>Briefings: Strategic Coordination in International Standards Development – <i>Frank Menchaca, Auzolan LLC</i></b></p> <p><i>Briefing on strategic outreach and coordination efforts that have supported effective participation, ensured market relevance, facilitated iterative consensus-building, helped avoid duplication, and enabled or accelerated standards development.</i></p>
3:00 – 4:00 pm	<p><b>Discussion: Strategies to Effectively Participate &amp; Influence Key ISO activities – <i>Moderated by Christine Bernat, ANSI</i></b></p> <p><i>Determine the strategic actions required to ensure progress and success in the 3–5 priority areas identified during the earlier session. Potential considerations include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ensuring effective participation in the process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Proposing new standards activities</li> <li>▪ Identifying &amp; communicating potential duplication</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Conducting pre- and post-meeting outreach (WG experts, delegates)</li> <li>- Building consensus with participants from allied nations</li> <li>- Establishing strategic liaisons with other SDO activities</li> </ul>
4:00 – 4:30 pm	<p><b>Information Sharing Needs &amp; Opportunities Discussion – <i>Moderated by Christine Bernat, ANSI</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ANSI ICMSCG Website &amp; Members SharePoint</li> </ul>

- Mechanisms for information sharing & effective use of tools
- Information-sharing needs

4:30 –  
4:45 pm **Open Discussion / Other Business** – *Moderated by Christine Bernat, ANSI*

4:45 –  
5:00 pm **Next Steps & Closing** – *Moderated by Christine Bernat, ANSI*

#### RELATED ISO COMMITTEES:

Committee	U.S. TAG Admin	U.S. TAG Chair
<a href="#">TC 82/SC 7</a> Sustainable mining and mine closure	Jason Knopes, ANSI	TBA
<a href="#">TC 298</a> Rare Earth	Andrea Tanner, CSA	John Bonevich, NIST
<a href="#">TC 333</a> Lithium	Andrea Tanner, CSA	John Bonevich, NIST
<a href="#">TC 345</a> Materials for specialty technologies	Jason Knopes, ANSI	John Bonevich, NIST
<a href="#">PC 348</a> Sustainable raw materials	Jason Knopes, ANSI	Sallie Greenberg

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