



Critical Minerals Standards Coordination (CMSC)

SHAPING THE U.S. STANDARDS STRATEGY FOR CRITICAL MINERALS

[Free Registration](#) for September 23-24, 2026 Workshop

In partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy, ANSI launched a [Critical Minerals Standards Coordination \(CMSC\)](#) initiative to drive coordination across the U.S. and within the international standards ecosystem and create a **vital U.S. Standards Strategy for Critical Minerals**. Standards are a critical enabler of secure, competitive, transparent, resilient, and innovative critical mineral supply chains, and achieving these national objectives requires coordinated engagement from both government and the private sector across the full upstream, midstream, and downstream value chain.

This September, stakeholders from across the critical minerals value chain will convene at a [free hybrid workshop](#) to define the initial scope, priorities, and recommendations for the Strategy.

- **WHY THIS MATTERS NOW:** As global demand for critical minerals surges, international standards are increasingly reshaping market access, material qualifications, supply chain requirements, traceability expectations, and technology competitiveness. Global competitors are actively driving international standards development. The U.S. must coordinate and act now to ensure that U.S. standards and practices are shaping global norms.
- **WHY BROAD VALUE CHAIN PARTICIPATION IS ESSENTIAL:** Upstream, midstream, and downstream decisions do not exist in a vacuum; each segment brings unique technical expertise, operational realities, and market priorities that are vital to the whole. A standard established in extraction ripples all the way to recycling and end-use. To build a practical, resilient framework, the strategy must reflect these diverse perspectives and the realities of the entire ecosystem.
- **ANSI'S ROLE AS A FACILITATOR:** Through its Standards Coordination Program, ANSI convenes public- and private-sector stakeholders in a neutral forum to identify standards-related challenges, opportunities, gaps, and coordination needs while adhering to the principles of openness, balance, and consensus.
- **WHY ATTEND?** Proactive engagement delivers a powerful strategic advantage. Participation ensures the opportunity to shape priorities, identify practical solutions, and align standards activities with your market realities and operational needs.

Discussions will examine how standards can support secure and resilient supply chains, strengthen domestic manufacturing competitiveness, and meet growing downstream demands for conformity assessment, safety, performance, traceability, and trusted supply chain information. Because these challenges span the entire value chain, broad stakeholder participation is essential.

**UPSTREAM**
Mining, Extraction, Exploration, Responsible Sourcing, Governance Organizations

HOW CAN YOU INFLUENCE OUTCOMES?

- 1 Shape approaches to traceability, transparency, and responsible sourcing.
- 2 Ensure standards reflect operational realities and technical feasibility.
- 3 Influence standards supporting environmental performance, mine closure, and circularity.
- 4 Strengthen market access and investor confidence through coordinated approaches.
- 5 Ensure U.S. and allied perspectives are reflected in emerging international standards activities.

HOW WILL ENGAGEMENT HELP YOU?

- 1 Influence international expectations for traceability, responsible sourcing, and environmental performance.
- 2 Help ensure operational realities are reflected in future requirements.
- 3 Shape standards that influence market access, investment, and customer procurement decisions.
- 4 Position your organization to drive change rather than react to it.
- 5 Advance standards that support practical implementation across mining and materials production.