



AGENDA

Critical Minerals Workshop

NOVEMBER 14-15, 2024

HOSTED BY

MLC Midwest-Canada
Relations Committee, MLC
Energy & Environment
Committee, and the Consulate
General of Canada in Chicago

Embassy Suites by Hilton
Chicago Downtown River
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Meet-and-Greet Reception (Optional) Rivernorth AB Room

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

6:30 – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Mezzanine
Enjoy a free and fresh made-to-order breakfast. Note, there is no separate breakfast for this meeting, space is shared with other hotel guests.

All General Sessions will take place in Rivernorth CD Room

8:00 – 8:15 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
Ontario MPP Ernie Hardeman, Co-Chair, MLC Midwest-Canada Relations Committee
Indiana Rep. Ethan Manning, Co-Chair, MLC Environment & Energy Committee
Madeleine Féquière, Consul General of Canada in Chicago

8:15 – 9:30 a.m. Defining Critical Minerals and Their Uses
An introduction to the topic. What does the United States and Canada define as “critical” minerals, why are they important, and what are they used for?
Dr. Charles Bopp, Resource Geologist, Illinois State Geological Survey

9:30 – 9:45 a.m. Sponsor Recognition/Remarks
We will recognize some of this workshop’s sponsors at this time.
Natural Resources Canada, Aaron Annable, Consul, Foreign Policy and Diplomacy Service Officer
Quebec Government Office in Chicago, Jean-François Hould, Délégué
Stardust Power

9:45 – 10:15 a.m. Break





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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14 (continued)

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- 10:15 – 11:45 a.m. Critical Minerals Locations in the Midwest and Canada
This session will geographically center the conversation and inform attendees about where these critical minerals are located in the region.
Dr. Jamey Jones, Science Coordinator, Earth Mapping Resources Initiative, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)
Dr. Chris Lawley, Gold Metallogenist, Geological Survey of Canada, Natural Resources (virtual)
- 11:45 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch Rivernorth AB Room
- 1:00 – 2:15 p.m. Funding Opportunities to Support the Supply Chain
Federal policies and legislation are investing in critical minerals. This session will look at how funding is currently being provided, how it should be provided, and how state and provincial governments can also help develop the industry.
Olivia Alves, Senior Associate, Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI)
Melissa “Mel” Sanderson, Co-Chair, Critical Minerals Institute (CMI)
- 2:15 – 2:45 p.m. Break
- 2:45 – 4:00 p.m. Case Studies
Highlighting Québec’s Plan for the Development of Critical and Strategic Minerals and Canada’s Critical Minerals Strategy and Opportunities for North American Value Chain Development.
Avista Homyun, Senior Policy Advisor for International Affairs and Trade Division; and Camille Boulianne, Senior Policy Advisor for Critical Minerals Centre of Excellence, Natural Resources Canada (virtual)
Jocelyn Douh ret (virtual), Director of Mining Policies Office, Quebec Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests
- 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Reception Rivernorth A Room
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner Rivernorth B Room

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- 6:30 – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Mezzanine
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- 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. National and Regional Security Impacts of Increased Production
Taking a look at the geopolitical impacts of increased critical minerals mining, processing, and manufacturing in North America.
Abigail Hunter, Executive Director, Center for Critical Mineral Strategy, SAFE





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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15 (continued)

- 9:30 – 9:45 a.m. Sponsor Recognition/Remarks
American Honda Motor Company, Jeff Reed, Government Relations Director – Midwest Region
- 9:45 – 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:15 – 11:45 a.m. Roundtable Discussion
This will be an opportunity for legislators to share thoughts and discuss aspects of the critical minerals supply chain in their states like mining, production, manufacturing, etc.
Facilitators: Indiana Rep. Ethan Manning, Co-Chair, MLC Energy & Environment Committee; and North Dakota Rep. David Monson, Vice Chair, MLC Midwest-Canada Relations Committee
- 11:45 – 12 p.m. Closing Remarks
North Dakota Rep. David Monson, Vice Chair, MLC Midwest-Canada Relations Committee
Indiana Rep. Ethan Manning, Co-Chair, MLC Environment & Energy Committee
Aaron Annable, Consul, Foreign Policy and Diplomacy Service Officer, Consulate General of Canada in Chicago
- 12:00 p.m. Adjourn

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