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**CSG MIDWEST UNDER THE DOME POLICY BRIEFING**

## Critical Minerals

This briefing is designed to inform Minnesota legislators and legislative staff about (1) the defining characteristics of critical minerals; (2) why they are important; and (3) the economic and environmental impacts of increased critical mineral mining, processing, and manufacturing. The briefing will include a featured presentation by Dr. Charles Bopp, a leading expert on critical minerals, as well as time for Q & A and a discussion among participants.



**Dr. Charles Bopp**  
*Resource Geologist,  
Illinois State Geological Survey*

Charles is the assistant director of the Critical Minerals Research & Development Center at the University of Illinois where he conducts research focusing on conventional and unconventional resources, as well as the reuse of waste for critical minerals. His recent work includes resource estimation of critical minerals in coal seams, along with engineering studies on tailings reuse, waste valorization, and zero-waste mining.



**Tuesday, April 8th**  
**Noon – 1:30 p.m.**

**FOR:** State senators and representatives and legislative staff

**AT:** 2412, Senate Office Building

*A box lunch will be provided*

**Questions about the program?**

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