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AMERICAN RESOURCES POLICY NETWORK'S MCGROARTY TO TESTIFY ON RARE EARTHS PANEL

- Oversight hearing to focus on importance of strategic and critical minerals in America -

WASHINGTON, DC (MAY 23) – The American Resources Policy Network (ARPN) today announced that its top expert, Daniel McGroarty, will testify before the House Committee on Natural Resources' Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. EST. The hearing, entitled "*Strategic and Critical Minerals Policy: Domestic Minerals Supplies and Demands in a time of Foreign Supply Disruptions,*" will focus on the importance of a domestic supply of strategic and critical minerals.

Tomorrow, McGroarty will provide his expert insight on rare earth metals and minerals. McGroarty had this to say ahead of sharing his Congressional testimony:

Rare earths are presented as 'so-called' technology metals; that is to say, the general public does not know the names of these hard-to-find metals, but they are so critical. In reality, tech metals and base metals are intertwined – you cannot extract rhenium without mining for copper. While the U.S. mines for copper, we are not capturing rhenium during that process. And, the fact is, if we don't go for it here in our own country, then we're going to have to buy it from someone else.

The American Resources Policy Network supports the efforts of mining experts who believe that our nation should stand on its own two feet when it comes to supplying certain natural resources. The group aims to inform the public about how dependent America is on other nations for minerals and metals that exist here. We encourage the exploration of key minerals and metals beneath our home turf.

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