

America desperately needs antimony. This mineral is used in munitions, large-capacity storage batteries, fire retardants and more. Currently, we are entirely dependent on foreign countries to provide this mineral, which is why I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project. This project can stop our import reliance on antimony.

Perpetua Resources has developed a plan to provide our nation with a domestic supply of antimony and protect the environment in the process. Perpetua is mindful of its impact and has designed its project to meet or exceed environmental thresholds. For example, modeling in the SDEIS showed the Operations Area Boundary would not exceed the National Ambient Air Quality Standards and mercury, nitrogen and sulfur would fall below significant impact levels. I believe Perpetua Resources can strike the balance of mining the materials we need safely, while also protecting and restoring the environment.

The Stibnite Gold Project is important to Idaho, our national security and clean energy future. Regulators have been reviewing the project for the past 6 years. This time has allowed the project to improve and, now, I encourage you to permit the project as quickly as possible.

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