



CREATING GOOD JOBS, A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT, AND A FAIR AND THRIVING ECONOMY

QUESTIONS FOR THE RECORD

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1. What is BlueGreen Alliance's position on hardrock mining?

The BlueGreen Alliance sees a need for a new national commitment to environmentally, economically, and socially responsible mining, as well as reclamation and recycling of minerals and materials. This commitment is necessary with regards to hard rock mining, as existing policies are not sufficient to ensure responsible mining, and we are facing increasing demand for hard rock minerals as part of a transition to a clean economy. There is great potential to create jobs in America, generate a cleaner and more secure energy future and elevate the United States as a global leader in the industry. We can act now to enhance recycling, reclamation and increasingly circular process and product design and to forge a national agreement for better plan to produce necessary minerals and materials in ways that uphold our obligations to workers, communities and the environment.

The BlueGreen Alliance does not take positions on specific mining projects.