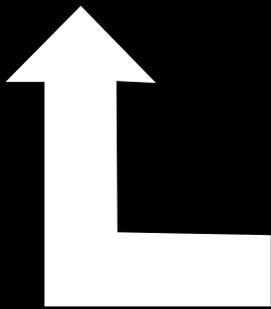


The future of Rare Earth Elements

Will these high-tech industry elements continue in short supply?

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Rare earth elements provide critical material for flat-panel display screens, cell phones, electric cars, windmills, etc.

Although relatively abundant in nature, deposits of rare earth elements that are economic to mine are uncommon

China produces 96% of the world's rare earth elements but severely restricts their export

Can new exploration and development meet future high-tech industry needs for these materials?

