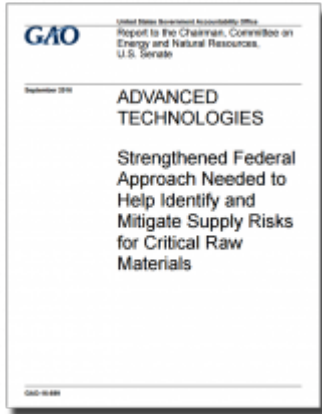


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The Government Accountability Office (GAO) published the report, "Strengthened Federal Approach Needed to Help Identify and Mitigate Supply Risks for Critical Raw Materials" (GAO-16-699). The 79 page report identified that federal agencies are primarily focused on two areas of activity related to critical minerals supply—assessing risk and supporting research. The report identifies selected strengths and limitations of federal critical materials activities and concludes with six recommendations. The GAO undertook this study noting that "certain metals, minerals and other "critical" raw materials play an important role in the production of advanced technologies across a range of industrial sectors and defense applications." AGI offers background materials on critical resources from the Critical Issues Program.

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