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## Geoscience Online Learning Initiative (GOLI) Webinar on Critical and Strategic Minerals

Alexandria, VA – The American Geosciences Institute (AGI) in coordination with the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) presents the second webinar as a part of the Geoscience Online Learning Initiative (GOLI). The webinar, entitled **Critical and Strategic Minerals: Concepts and Status** will air on **February 1, 2012 at 2:00 pm EST**.

This webinar, presented by Jim Burnell, the Senior Minerals Geologist with the Colorado Geological Survey, will review the history of what defines critical and strategic minerals, and evaluate some of the key commodities listed as critical today.

The Geoscience Online Learning Initiative seeks to build a portfolio of online learning opportunities to help support the professional development of prospective early-career geoscientists, as well as address topics of interest to the broader geoscience profession. GOLI courses support both synchronous and asynchronous online learning, and count toward continuing education units (CEU's). For more information, and to participate, please visit <http://www.aipg.org/e-mail/GOLI.html>.

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