



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 26-079

***SECURING LOUISIANA'S CRITICAL MINERALS SUPPLY
CHAIN AND UNLEASHING DOMESTIC ALUMINA
PRODUCTION***

WHEREAS, the economic prosperity, national security, and industrial dominance of the United States and the State of Louisiana depend upon a reliable, secure, and domestically sourced supply of critical minerals;

WHEREAS, for decades, the United States has dangerously relied on foreign adversaries for the processing and refinement of heavy rare earth elements and critical minerals, exposing our defense industrial base and advanced manufacturing sectors to severe supply chain vulnerabilities;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Administration to unequivocally prioritize the onshoring of critical mineral production, remove regulatory barriers to industrial innovation, and secure America's supply chains from the ground up;

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana is uniquely positioned to lead the nation in this endeavor, possessing the necessary infrastructure, a highly skilled workforce, abundant low-cost energy, and strategic access to the Mississippi River and deep-water ports, allowing access to global trade routes and providing unmatched domestic connectivity;

WHEREAS, Louisiana is proudly home to the nation's sole active alumina refinery, located in Gramercy, which produces essential materials for American industry and holds massive, untapped potential in its bauxite residue, which can be reclaimed and processed into strategic minerals such as gallium, scandium, iron and titanium;

WHEREAS, recent historic investments, supported by both the State of Louisiana and federal defense and energy initiatives, demonstrate that Louisiana is at the forefront of modernizing the critical minerals industry; and

WHEREAS, by harnessing state-level resources, aggressively cutting bureaucratic red tape, and prioritizing world-class industrial infrastructure, Louisiana will drive the American resurgence in critical minerals and materials production, creating thousands of high-paying jobs for our citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1: It is hereby declared the policy of the State of Louisiana to aggressively pursue, support, and expand the domestic production, refinement, and processing of critical minerals, with a specific focus on alumina and its byproducts. Louisiana shall utilize all available state resources to streamline infrastructure development, attract capital investment, and onshore defense and energy supply chains.

Section 2: Louisiana Economic Development (“LED”) shall immediately develop and implement a comprehensive economic development strategy to attract, retain, and expand critical mineral and mineral processing operations in the state, leveraging Louisiana’s existing industrial base, infrastructure, workforce, energy resources, and logistics assets to strengthen domestic supply chains, support commercial-scale investment, and position Louisiana as a leading U.S. location for critical mineral processing, refining, manufacturing, and related industries.

Section 3: To ensure the rapid deployment of production facilities, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (“LDEQ”), the Department of Conservation and Energy (“C&E”), the Department of Transportation and Development, and any other executive branch agency with permitting authority applicable to proposed new production facilities or the expansion of existing production facilities, are directed to implement a priority review process for permits related to critical mineral extraction, refinement, and heavy manufacturing, consistent with the directives of Executive Order Numbers JML 24-166, JML 25-102, and JML26-078. Agencies shall identify and streamline any state-level regulatory barriers that unnecessarily delay these vital economic and national security projects.

Section 4: The Department of Transportation and Development (“DOTD”) and Louisiana Economic Development (“LED”) shall immediately evaluate the infrastructure needs – including road, rail, port, and utility access – of existing and proposed mineral processing facilities

in the state, prioritizing resources for the River Parish Region and other critical industrial corridors to support massive commercial-scale operations.

Section 5: To support the massive capital requirements of revitalizing the domestic critical minerals supply chain, LED is explicitly directed to prioritize critical mineral processing, heavy rare earth extraction, and alumina refining projects for the Industrial Tax Exemption Program (“ITEP”), the Quality Jobs program, and other relevant state economic development incentives.

Section 6: Given the highly energy-intensive nature of alumina refining and critical mineral extraction, the Louisiana Public Service Commission (“LPSC”) is strongly encouraged to evaluate energy grid reliability in critical industrial corridors and explore special industrial power rates that maintain Louisiana’s global competitive advantage and support continuous, large-scale manufacturing.

Section 7: Louisiana Economic Development, through the LED FastStart program, shall collaborate with state universities, technical colleges, and private industry partners to develop specialized workforce training programs tailored to the advanced chemical processing, metallurgical, and rare earth extraction industries.

Section 8: To ensure that state resources strictly protect United States national security interests, any critical minerals facility or project receiving state economic incentives, grants, or expedited permitting under this Order must verify that its proprietary extraction technologies, intellectual property, and primary supply chain partnerships are secure and not subject to the control, influence, or ownership of foreign adversaries.

Section 9: All departments, commissions, boards, offices, entities, agencies, and officers of the State of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate fully with the execution of this Order.

Section 10: The State of Louisiana shall actively coordinate and partner with the United States Department of War, federal defense agencies, and the defense industrial base to align state resources with federal national security priorities. Building upon Louisiana's proud history of supporting the American warfighter, securing defense supply chains, and hosting world-class military and research infrastructure, the State shall prioritize projects that ensure a secure, resilient, and uninterrupted supply of materials vital to our Armed Forces and national defense.

Section 11: This Order is effective upon signature of the Governor, and it shall remain in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the Governor, or until terminated by operation of law.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 12th day of August, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jeff Landry", is written over a horizontal line.

Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Nancy Landry", is written over a horizontal line.

Nancy Landry
SECRETARY OF STATE