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## Industry / Partner News

### **U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources Advances Bill Supporting Critical Mineral Development**

On June 12, 2024 the U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources passed HR 8446, the Critical Mineral Consistency Act of 2024, introduced by Congressman Juan Ciscomani. This legislation will amend the Energy Act of 2020 to include critical material in the definition of critical mineral. The act aims to align and eliminate confusion between the Department of Energy's (DOE) and U.S. Geological Survey's (USGS) definitions and lists of critical minerals, a step towards recognizing copper as an official USGS critical mineral. Copper is currently categorized by the DOE as a critical material, a designation that offers fewer protections. The legislation is seen as a step towards improving interagency coordination, securing domestic supply chains and bolstering American energy and national security.

Read more [here](#).

## Wieland Chase, LLC Supports Montpelier High School Trade Program

In support of students entering skilled trades, Wieland Chase, LLC helped to provide tool kits to scholarship recipients of Montpelier High School's trade program who recently received their diplomas. The tools provided will help prepare the students for success as they pursue skilled trades following graduation.



Read more [here](#).

## United Scrap Metal, Inc. Continues Partnership with Ronald McDonald House Charities



United Scrap Metal, Inc. is continuing their relationship with Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) through 2024 with recycling and fundraising efforts.

On October 12, 2024, the 20th Annual Recycle with Ronald McDonald House Charities event will be held at United Scrap Metal's headquarters in partnership with RMHC of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana. The event will support the families of hospitalized children.

In addition to hosting the annual event at their headquarters, all six of United Scrap Metal's locations have all been involved in collecting pop tabs for their local branches

of RMHC. The pop tabs collected for RMHC are bought by a recycler at market rate and all proceeds from the sale go toward supporting the charity. This year, the United Scrap Metal Charlotte team donated a total of 1.2 million pop tabs to RMHC of Greater Charlotte.

In 2023 these efforts by United Scrap Metal raised \$85,000 for RMHC.

Read more [here](#).



## AI, Automation and Productivity

The internet changed the world as we know it. Now AI and automation are generating similar levels of hype and promise. The question is – is this new trend all sizzle, or is there some substance to it?

In the years ahead, major countries around the world will be facing demographic challenges in the form of either decline or, at a minimum, slowing growth in populations and workforces. This would be daunting enough for any nation on an individual basis.

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