

SPECIAL REPORT: China's Rare Earth Elements Industry: What Can the West Learn?

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Over the past few years, China has come under increasing scrutiny and criticism over its monopoly of the rare earth industry and for gradually reducing export quotas of these resources. However, China is faced with its own internal issues that, if not addressed, could soon stress the country's rare earth industry. This paper by Cindy Hurst is designed to give the reader a better understanding of what rare earth elements are and their importance to society in general and to U.S. defense and energy policy in particular. It also explores the history of rare earth elements and China's current monopoly of the industry, including possible repercussions and strategic implications if rare earth elements supply were to be disrupted. [Click to access full report](#)