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## **SME THRIVE conference shines spotlight on critical minerals**

The timely topic of critical mineral takes center stage at the annual [SME THRIVE Conference](#), September 22, 2022 in Reno, Nevada. Hosted by the [Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration](#) (SME), industry leaders evaluate where critical mineral markets are today, as well where they are projected to go over the next decade.

Sessions focus on “Critical Minerals – Battery Minerals and the Electrification of Society”, including:

- Global Climate Change
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Energy Production
- Grid Battery Storage
- Mobile Battery Storage

“THRIVE 2022 carries the theme of Critical Materials. It will focus on primarily battery materials and other products necessary for the much discussed electrification of society,” said program chairman John Uhrie, Vice President, Exploration and Development – Doe Run Co. “Attendees will explore how our dynamic industry is changing the global perception of sustainable supply - from mine to market.”

The THRIVE 2022 Conference offers a unique opportunity to gain insights from subject matter experts about one of the hottest topics of the decade, critical minerals. The program will overview why these materials are important and then move into some of the most visible elements such as lithium, nickel, cobalt, as well as graphite, and the always important metal, copper.

For more information, visit [www.smethrive.com](http://www.smethrive.com)

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