**Module 2- Review Questions**

1. **View the video** [Rare Earth Elements (17:17)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C-b1NacN3lY)

As you watch the video, prepare answers to the following questions to prepare for the group activity and exams:

1. What precisely are “rare earth elements”? What are some of their enabling properties?
2. What are some of the important everyday examples of consumer items using rare earth elements?
3. How would you explain the “scarcity” of rare earth elements? Are they actually “rare”?
4. What does it mean for rare earth elements to be “byproducts”? Why does that make mining solely for rare earth elements inefficient and expensive?
5. What social and political factors complicate access to rare earth elements?