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Last week, Chinese news outlets reported that China plans to cut export quotas for rare earth metals by 30 percent next year. How critical are these materials to U.S. renewable energy production? Is China using its monopoly over rare earths production for political gains? In an interview with E&E TV's OnPoint, Yaron Vorona, director of the Technology & Rare Earth Metals Center at the Institute for the Analysis of Global Security, explains how Congress and the Obama administration can address the issue and discusses the state of U.S. rare earths production.

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