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Abstract: Mining has a very poor image with the general public. They would rather not have mining in the United States. However, mining is essential to the standard of living that everyone wants to maintain. Past studies on the importance of the minerals industry to government agencies have gone unheeded. This presentation will discuss the merits and disadvantages of technical innovations in the mining industry, with some examples of recent advances. Mention will also be made to what may be expected in the future. Reference will also be made to the needs of the anticipated growth in Arizona, and its implications to the mining industry.