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Svemin welcomes investigation to abolish the ban on uranium extraction

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The ban on mining uranium in Sweden was introduced in 2018. Now the government is appointing an inquiry to make uranium mining legal in Sweden again. Good news according to Maria Sunér, CEO of Svemin.



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In what way has the uranium ban made it more difficult for the mining industry?

"Sweden has a rich bedrock where many of the raw materials listed as critical by the EU are found. Since many critical and socially important substances occur together in the bedrock, several different ones are often mined in the same mine. Being able to extract uranium as a by-product when these are present together with other metals creates better conditions for certain projects to become reality. In addition, it is often worse for the environment to treat uranium as a waste that must not be utilised," says Sunér.

In 2018 when the ban on mining uranium was introduced, Svemin was critical, why is it wrong to introduce special legislation against a specific element?

"We have seen how the ban has brought several interesting mining projects to a standstill. This is unfortunate now that there is a great deal of interest in many of the metals and minerals that these projects also contain, such as vanadium, rare earth elements and nickel. These substances are of great importance for our security of supply and for the green transition," says Sunér.

Climate and Environment Minister Romina Pourmokhtari calls the ban a stumbling block, do you agree with that?

–Really. Several important projects have now been delayed for at least 5 years, so we welcome the review of the ban. In addition, it is very illogical to maintain a ban on mining uranium when Sweden is once again investing in new nuclear power for the future," says Sunér.

[>> Read more about the investigation here](#)



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