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Therefore, vanadium as a national interest can be a step on the way to a vanadium mine in Oviken – hears SGU's investigator Peter Åkerhammar in the video. Photo: Truls Wallin, SVT Grafik (Source: SGU)

## Vanadium is being investigated as a national interest – could be one step closer to a vanadium mine in Oviken

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Right now, it is being investigated whether the metal vanadium should be classified as a national interest. If vanadium becomes a national interest, it could affect the mining plans in, for example, Oviken.

It could be a step on the road to a vanadium mine.

"Yes, because there are not many other large vanadium deposits in this country," says Peter Åkerhammar, investigator at SGU.

It is the government agency SGU, the Geological Survey of Sweden, that is conducting the investigation into whether vanadium should become a national

interest. Vanadium is a metallic element used in the steel industry that can also be used for large batteries in the energy transition.

It is in decisions on land use that the classification as a national interest is important. In this case, different national interests must be weighed against each other.

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In other words: if vanadium becomes a national interest, it will be weighed against other national interests when assessing whether, for example, a permit should be granted for mining operations in Oviken. Already today, several national interests will be balanced against each other in Oviken and there vanadium can become another one (see map in the video).

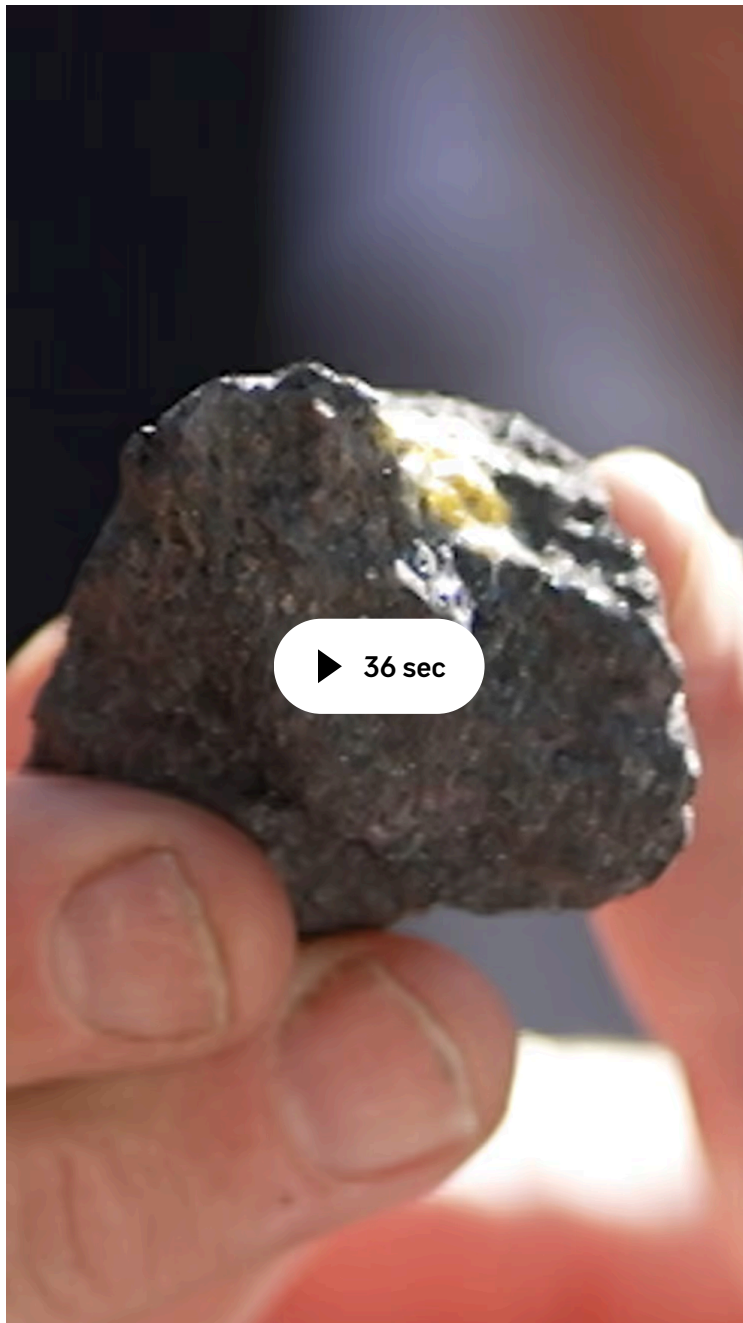
When the investigation will be completed is unclear, but sometime next year.

The background to the investigation is that vanadium is on the EU's list of critical raw materials. The EU now wants to increase self-sufficiency in critical raw materials

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"This means that they want to see more own mines in the EU," says investigator at SGU Peter Åkerhammar.

Sweden is one of the countries in the EU that has deposits of vanadium and one of Sweden's few large vanadium deposits is in Oviken (see map in the video).



Vanadium is one of five critical minerals needed for the green transition. Listen to SVT's reporter Johan Zachrisson Winberg explain why. Photo: SVT

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