TITLE XII—NATIONAL SECURITY THROUGH AMERICA’S RESOURCES AND PERMITTING REFORM

SEC. 71201. PERMIT PROCESS FOR PROJECTS RELATING TO EXTRACTION, RECOVERY, OR PROCESSING OF CRITICAL MATERIALS.

(a) Definition of Covered Project.—Section 41001(6)(A) of the FAST Act (42 U.S.C. 4370m(6)(A)) is amended—

(1) in clause (i)(III), by striking ‘‘; or’’ and inserting a semicolon;

(2) in clause (ii)(II), by striking the period and inserting ‘‘; or’’; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(iii) is related to the extraction, recovery, or processing from coal, coal waste, coal processing waste, pre-or post-combustion coal byproducts, or acid mine drainage
from coal mines of one of the following materials for the purposes of securing the economic and national security of the United States:

“(I) Critical minerals (as such term is defined in Executive Order 13817 (30 U.S.C. 1601 note)).

“(II) Rare earth elements.

“(III) Microfine carbon or carbon from coal.”.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall submit to the Committees on Energy and Natural Resources and Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Natural Resources, and Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report evaluating the timeliness of implementation of reforms of the permitting process required for activities described in section 41001(6)(A)(iii) of the FAST Act (42 U.S.C. 4370m(6)(A)).