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The Zacks Analyst Blog Highlights ... and PBW

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Here are highlights from Thursday's Analyst Blog:

U.S./China Signs 1-Year Rare Earth Deal: Will Clean Energy ETFs Gain?

The highly anticipated Trump-Xi meeting in South Korea bore major fruit for the U.S. clean energy sector, with President Donald Trump claiming that both nations have signed a one-year agreement that will ensure uninterrupted rare earth and critical mineral supplies from China. The pact should come as a lifeline for American clean energy manufacturers reeling from months of raw material shortages and price spikes.

This deal, a major sign of de-escalation in the long-running trade war between the globe's two largest economies, boosts the outlook for clean energy Exchange-Traded Funds (ETFs). By assuring supply-chain stability, this agreement should remove a major operational headache and reduce input price volatility for component manufacturers, thereby improving profit visibility across the renewables sector.

America's Reliance on Chinese Minerals

The global clean energy industry is acutely dependent on rare earth elements (REEs), a group of 17 minerals essential for high-performance magnets used in wind turbines, electric motors, and solar tracking systems. Across the globe, China enjoys a near monopoly on extracting REEs as well as on refining them, with the nation accounting for around 60% of global mining output and representing about 91% of global production, as of 2024 (as per a recent report released by the International Energy Agency).

Clean Energy ETFs to Gain

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Invesco WilderHill Clean Energy ETF

This fund offers exposure to a diversified portfolio of 65 renewable energy stocks. Its net asset value was \$33.17 per share as of Oct. 29, 2025. The United States accounts for 71.04% of this fund's holdings.

PBW has soared 66.5% year to date. The fund charges 64 bps as fees. Its volume is heavy at an average of 1.38 million shares a day.