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To: [DEP, MiningComments2016](#)
Subject: Board of Environmental Protection Hearing on Mining Rules
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Dear Board of Environmental Protection:

I am unable to attend the hearing on the revised proposed Mining Rules scheduled for Thursday, September 15 at 9:00 am.

Please accept these comments.

While some improvements have been made, the rules are still not strong enough and, if approved, would put Maine's water and aquatic resources at risk.

The proposed rules are problematic because they would:

- Allow mining on and under Maine's spectacular Public Reserved Lands.
- Allow tailings impoundments, the most dangerous type of mine waste disposal facility.
- Leave Maine taxpayers on the hook for mining disasters, which happen far too often.
- Allow even the most hazardous parts of mines—such as wasterock piles and tailings ponds—in floodplains and flood hazard areas.

Please do not accept these proposed Mining Rules in their current form as they still do not protect Maine's clean water and taxpayers, the same reasons why the Legislature has twice rejected them.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns.

Sincerely,
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