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NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF COMMENT DEADLINE
PUBLIC HEARING

MAINE LAND USE PLANNING COMMISSION
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 12:
Land Use District Requirements for Metallic Mineral Mining and Level C Mineral Exploration Activities

PURPOSE: The Maine Land Use Planning Commission is extending the deadline for receiving public comment on proposed changes to Chapter 12 *Land Use District Requirements for Metallic Mineral Mining and Level C Mineral Exploration Activities* to February 4, 2013. The deadline for rebuttal comment is extended to February 11, 2013.

BACKGROUND: In order to reflect changes outlined in recent legislation, P.L. 2011, Chapter 653 (enacting LD 1853), the Commission must update its rules regulating metallic mineral mining and level C mineral exploration activities. The Commission will no longer be responsible for issuing permits for metallic mineral mining and level C mineral exploration activities. This function will be transferred to the Department of Environmental Protection. Consequently, the Commission must make modifications to Chapter 12 of its rules (*Land Use District Requirements for Metallic Mineral Mining and Level C Mineral Exploration Activities*) to eliminate information relevant to the permitting process but not necessarily to the rezoning process.

COMMENT DEADLINE EXTENSION: The LUPC is extending the deadline for receiving public comment to February 4, 2013 to allow interested persons to file written statements with the Commission and for an additional 7 days until February 11, 2013 to allow interested persons to file written statements in rebuttal of statements filed during the previous period. The record of the hearing will then close.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A copy of the proposed rule changes may be viewed at the Commission's main office (18 Elkins Lane, Harlow Building, Augusta, Maine) or may be downloaded from the agency's web site (www.maine.gov/doc/lupc) under 'featured links'. To view the draft rule changes at the Augusta office, please call the office in advance at 207-287-2631. Persons having questions may contact LUPC by e-mail (LUPC@maine.gov) or telephone (207-287-2631).

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