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I am adding my voice to the latest re-writing of the open pit mining rules for the State of Maine.

I see that a classification of A,B and C wastes is included. The wording of all this is confusing! But the bottom line is that once again the BEP's rules are looking for a way to have "wet treatment" of mining wastes be part of the process of open pit mining. Wet Treatment is simply not compatible with the life of the State of Maine. I will be commenting further on this, having testified before the BEP and the Environmental, Natural Resources Committee in the Legislature.

In closing, with the Legislature rejecting mining rules since 2013 why does the BEP think that these new rules which allow for wet treatment will pass through the legislature? The people have spoken! The legislature has spoken! Many times!

Sincerely,
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