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Jeffrey Crawford
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Board of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
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Dear Mr. Crawford and members of the board:

I am writing with regard to the proposed changes in metal mining regulations. My concerns are specific to the language formerly in Subchapter 1: General Provisions, part B (3), now located in Section 20 (Performance Standards), B (Siting) (3):

With clean water an ever-increasing priority we must categorically prohibit ore removal in, under or around great ponds, rivers, brooks and streams, and coastal wetlands including upslope adjacent areas, and proximate riparian zones.

Sincerely,

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