

From: remmel2@gmail.com
To: [DEP, MiningComments2016](#)
Subject: Maine's mining rules
Date: Sunday, September 25, 2016 8:04:56 PM

September 25, 2016
Cynthia Bertocci

Dear Cynthia Bertocci,

Please deliver these comments to the BEP.

Dear Chairman Parker and members of the Board of Environmental Protection:

I attended the public hearing on the proposed Mining rules on September 15. I listened carefully to the testimony and have read the Draft distributed at the hearing. After thoughtful consideration and study I urge you to reject the latest version of DEP's mining rules.

I am very concerned that these rules would allow mining on and under Maine's Public Reserved Lands as well as wasterock piles and tailing ponds in floodplains and flood hazard areas. The tailing impoundments would pose a dangerous threat to water and wildlife for centuries. They also would not protect taxpayers from having to pay for the cleanup of mining disasters which happen far too often.

Maine's environment and economy are inextricably linked. Maine's rich outdoor heritage and natural scenic beauty are at the heart of our tourism industry, a critical part of our economy. Thousands of Maine people need our state's healthy environment to make their living and provide for their families. We all depend on Maine's clean water and value our abundant fish and wildlife. Mining pollution would be a grave threat to these resources.

Please follow the lead of both the 126th and 127th Legislatures, and reject these rules.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Remmel
41 Thomas Street
Portland, ME 04102-3637