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Thanks for the improvements, however, the rules as proposed are still not strong enough and, if approved, would put Maine's water and aquatic resources at risk.

Below are arguments I find persuasive, and I hope they will guide the vote.

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.
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- Let's not put short term business interests above the precious natural resources of Maine, unfair potential costs to taxpayers, and the future health and inheritance of Maine children.

Thank you for your consideration.

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