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Maine DEP,

I believe that metal mining still poses a threat to Maine's water, wildlife, and the jobs that depend on those resources. The rules would still allow mining on public lands and under lakes, rivers, and coastal waters and that discharges of mine water into groundwater are permitted within the mining area. They would also allow mines in floodplains and do not require adequate financial assurance. That means taxpayers would likely pay for any catastrophic cleanup.

I believe open pit mining has no place in Maine. And lastly why would we want to pave the way for the giant Canadian company, JD Irving, to mess with Maine's environment?

Sincerely,

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