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From: Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2010 11:28 AM
To: Stanton, Irene
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Dear Members of the Mined Land Reclamation Board:

I am writing to you today in support of protecting our water and land from the impacts of mining.

The public should be heard on all issues of mine prospecting.

Mining companies have been trying to sneak "projects" into approval by circumventing the public process. This is not ethical and can seriously impact the public welfare. Many mining projects cause irreparable damage and can cause the public water supply to become undrinkable. That cannot be allowed.

ALL mining "projects" no mater how small must be reviewed for environmental impact!

The final rules for Senate Bill 08-228 should adhere to the following principles:

- The public, local governments, and other stakeholders must be notified about mine prospecting activities and have the right to submit comments on proposed prospecting permits.
- The public and other stakeholders should have the ability to appeal mine prospecting permit decisions to ensure that the environment and public health are protected in those decisions.

Please ensure that the public's right to know about mine proposals, to comment on their potential impacts and to appeal mine decisions is clarified in the Hardrock Mining rules.

Very sincerely,

Jill and Wouter J. van tiel