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We need to protect communities and our land from contamination. The PFA's environmental disaster affecting Maine and the nation exemplifies the need to completely investigate the possible effects of policy. There are no specific human health protections or evaluations in the current Metallic Mineral Mining law.

It is the State's responsibility to protect citizens. Communities affected by mining should be granted a 'Right to Know' status in a transparent, public manner. This will allow communities to understand the risks from potential exposure to toxic materials from mining operations. This bill would also require that there is adequate monitoring of toxic waste after closure.

In the current law companies must have a violation before action is taken to protect human health. This is putting the cart before the horse or closing the barn door after the horses run etc etc etc

Public safety means protecting the public BEFORE harm is caused.

Please be responsible to us and support LD 1073

Thank-you