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Brief Description: Regulating metals mining and milling operations.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Requires an environmental impact statement to be prepared for any proposed new metals mining and milling operation.

Requires identification of potential impacts to fish and wildlife.

Appoints a metals mining coordinator.

Establishes requirements for a waste discharge permit.

Requires a good and sufficient bond.

Provides for an examination of the economic impact which a proposed mining operation may have on the increased services from public facilities and a determination of what mitigation may be required.

Authorizes civil actions for damages caused by the operation.

Declares a moratorium on mining operations using the open pit cyanide heap leach extraction process.

Establishes special inspection requirements.