

Timeline for Metallic Mineral Mining Rule

DEP is hiring a contractor to develop new rules for metal mining in Maine. It is not clear whether existing experts within the Department will be allowed to participate in development of the new rules, and we don't know whether public input will be allowed while the draft rules are being crafted—prior to a public hearing.

- **August 28, 2012** – Deadline for contractor proposals to DEP
- **October 15, 2012** – Contractor selected and work on revising the rule begins.
- **February 15, 2013** – First draft of rules completed, presented to DEP.
- **May 2013** – DEP completes review, submits materials to the Board of Environmental Protection (BEP).
- **July 2013** – Public Hearing held at BEP.
- **August 2013** – DEP meets with Contractor to begin review of comments and possible incorporation into revised rules
- **September 2013** – Contractor submits final draft of revised rules to DEP.
- **November 2013** – BEP provisionally adopts revised mining rules
- **January 2014** – Legislature's review of provisionally adopted revised mining rules begins. Public Hearing at Natural Resources Committee.