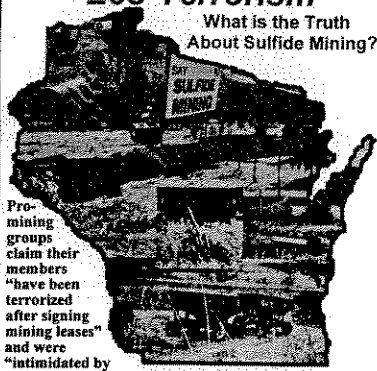


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Eco-Terrorism

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Pro-mining groups claim their members "have been terrorized after signing mining leases" and were "intimidated by harassment."

Let's look at the missing pieces

- This homeowner's property is surrounded on three sides by land leased to the Flambeau Mining Company.
- This family chose to express their political opinion by placing a "Say NO To Sulfide Mining" sign in their yard.
- Their neighbors responded by moving their manure pile and dozens of pieces of old farm equipment, trash and other junk and dumping it along the fence line surrounding this home.
- Who is being terrorized? Who has been intimidated by harassment? Who are the eco-terrorists? How is the prospect of mining destroying our community?

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What is the Truth about Sulfide Mining?

A Resolution Enacted by the La Crosse AFL-CIO Council


- Whereas, the La Crosse AFL-CIO Council has always been a strong proponent for safeguards for all workers and their families, including protections for their environments, and because the mining projects of Exxon and Rio Algom will have adverse effects on these environments and;
- Whereas, these companies have exhibited open hostility toward unions and workers, and have demonstrated a disregard for worker's safety and health by their poor records in these areas and;
- Whereas, the effects of the Crandon mine on water table levels, groundwater qualities, tourism needs, and wildlife habitats are apt to be of a harmful nature;
- Therefore Be It Resolved, that the La Crosse AFL-CIO Council strongly opposes the proposed copper and zinc sulfide mining projects in the Crandon area and urges other concerned citizens of Wisconsin to support the Mining Moratorium Bill currently in the Wisconsin Legislature.
- Be It Further Resolved, that the La Crosse AFL-CIO Council stands in solidarity with the many other union and environmental groups in Wisconsin that have also enacted resolutions endorsing a Mining Moratorium Bill, and ask members of the La Crosse Community to contact their legislators and add their voices to those calling for such a bill.

Enacted by the Council, August 7, 1997

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Town Chair or Golden Throne?

What is the Truth about Sulfide Mining?



The mining company ads say: "Local units of government have authority to regulate mining operations within their jurisdictions"

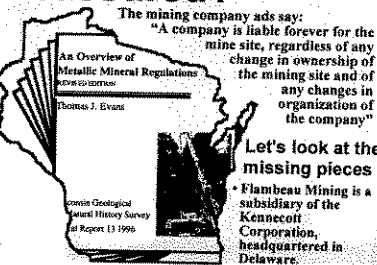
Let us look at the missing pieces

- Is it just a coincidence or are there always valuable minerals to be found on the properties of the local town chairmen?
- In Mentor Township, the chairman and one supervisor were among the first landowners to be offered (and sign) mining exploration agreements.
- The supervisor resigned because he saw a conflict of interest; the chairman has stonewalled any local regulation of exploration.
- In Cleveland Township the chairman's land was flagged with Flambeau mining exploration stakes, though no lease was recorded until after he lost next the election.
- While in office, he voted against an interim land-use freeze which provided protection against unregulated exploration. He then proposed that the town enter into an illegal "local agreement" for exploration, preempting existing ordinance. He is now president of the local mining-company-funded "wise use" chapter.
- In Trempealeau County three town chairmen were contacted by Kenacott regarding exploration leases.
- Wisconsin Towns Association Lawyer Tom Harnisch has observed that, given mining company activity, the only people who resist local land-use regulation are either: a) landowners who have signed mining leases; b) mining company employees; or c) stupid.

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Reassured?

The mining company ads say: "A company is liable forever for the mine site, regardless of any change in ownership of the mining site and of any changes in organization of the company"



Let's look at the missing pieces

- Flambeau Mining is a subsidiary of the Kenacott Corporation, headquartered in Delaware.
- Kenacott, in turn, is a subsidiary of the Rio Tinto (formerly RTZ), a multinational conglomerate based in England.
- DNR Administrative Rule NR 132 on Metallic Mineral Mining defines the Operator as: "Any person who is engaged in, or who has applied for or holds a permit to engage in mining, whether individually, jointly or through subsidiaries, agents, employees [sic] or contractors" but not as the parent company of that operator subsidiary.
- Wisconsin Towns Association lawyer Tom Harnisch commented on this arrangement as follows: "That's why you set up subsidiaries...so that when something goes wrong, all you can get is the subsidiary...You look under the shell and what's there? Nothing!"
- When Sister Toni Harris of the Ecumenical Committee on Corporate Responsibility asked as a stock holder about liabilities to the shareholders for future pollution accidents at the Ladysmith mine, John Hughes, Head of Public Affairs at RTZ, replied that by that time, it was most unlikely that RTZ would have any involvement with the Flambeau mine.

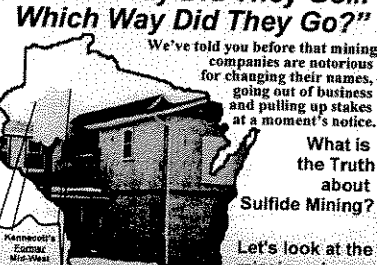
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"Which Way Did They Go... Which Way Did They Go?"

We've told you before that mining companies are notorious for changing their names, going out of business and pulling up stakes at a moment's notice.

What is the Truth about Sulfide Mining?

Let's look at the missing pieces



- At the last stockholders' meeting in London, RTZ plc—the parent company of Kenacott Exploration and Flambeau Mining—combined with another company, CRA, to form a new larger organization which they now call simply "Rio Tinto."
- Locally, Kenacott Exploration seems to have abandoned their office in Black River Falls.
- We hear they are trying their luck up in the U.P. and laying low here until the moratorium flap is settled.
- Since they've regularly failed to answer our questions about their intentions in our community, we're not surprised they didn't tell us of this change.
- Did they bother to tell their leaseholders or town officials about these moves?
- They never did get around to painting their name on their headquarters building. Perhaps the names change to quickly and too often.

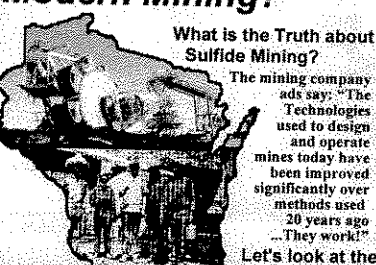
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Modern Mining?

What is the Truth about Sulfide Mining?

The mining company ads say: "The Technologies used to design and operate mines today have been improved significantly over methods used 20 years ago...They work!"

Let's look at the missing pieces



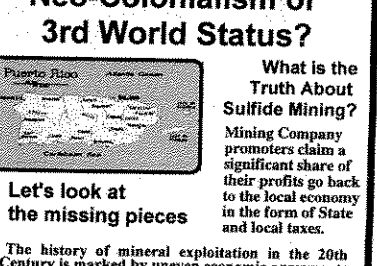
- Things have changed all right!
- Long gone are the days when a couple of guys with pick axes and a mule could stake a claim and strike it rich.
- Now, multinational corporations come into a community for a short period of time, exploit the resources, send most of the money out of the area and leave behind jobless workers and a bankrupt local economy.
- At the Crandon Mine site, they also project leaving behind a 90-foot tall hazardous waste pile that will cover 355 acres.
- Is this really significant improvement?
- Sure the technology works—for the mining company—but no example of a successfully reclaimed mine using these swell new methods exists anywhere in the world.
- Even if the design works on paper, it is unproven, mistakes happen and the results can be devastating.
- Contact your local, county and state officials and tell them you like our county the way it is.

Source: Crandon Mining Company Mine Permit Application, May 1995, p. 68.

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Neo-Colonialism or 3rd World Status?

What is the Truth About Sulfide Mining?



Let's look at the missing pieces

Mining Company promoters claim a significant share of their profits go back to the local economy in the form of State and local taxes.

- The history of mineral exploitation in the 20th Century is marked by uneven economic agreements between industrial powers and third world nations.
- Throughout the 1950s and 60s, Kenacott Copper frustrated economic development efforts in Chile while exploiting their mineral resources. Finally in July of 1971, President Allende proclaimed national ownership and control of their national resources.
- Meanwhile, Puerto Rico, as a U.S. Protectorate and later a Commonwealth, was seen as "safe." Environmental regulations were lax and the government wanted only 30% of the profits from their natural resources.
- In 1971, when the Puerto Rican government insisted on rehabilitation of disturbed lands and wanted to increase their share of the profits to 50%, Kenacott pulled out of the deal and began looking elsewhere.
- In Wisconsin, Kenacott paid only about 4% their profits in state and local taxes for their Flambeau Operation.

Source: The Wall Street Journal, October 15, 1971.

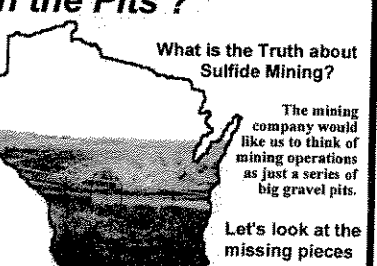
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In the Pits ?

What is the Truth about Sulfide Mining?

The mining company would like us to think of mining operations as just a series of big gravel pits.

Let's look at the missing pieces



- According to an August 10, 1996 fact sheet from the Flambeau Mining Company, the guaranteed NPT (net proceeds tax) paid to local communities was \$584,005.
- The same fact sheet reports that the open pit area covers 32 acres and is 225 feet deep.
- This means they have dug up and moved approximately 1,300,000 cubic yards of ore, dirt and gravel.
- Thus, for over \$ 500 Million worth of gold, silver and copper, the mining company paid the local governments only 45 ¢ per cubic yard.
- Around here, the going price for gravel is about \$1.00 per cubic yard.
- If the folks in Rusk county had simply sold the mine diggings as gravel, they would have received over twice as much as they did for the gold, silver and copper.
- Call or write your local, county and state officials and tell them you are too smart to accept their lousy deals.

Source: "What's Happening in 1996?", Flambeau Mining Company fact sheet, Tom Myatt, General Manager, August 10, 1996.


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Company Assurances

What is the Truth about Sulfide Mining?

Kenacott Project Manager Hans Rasmussen claims "Whenever any individuals or groups, such as the Headwaters Group of Northern Thunder have any questions about exploration, we have attempted to furnish it."

Let's look at the missing pieces



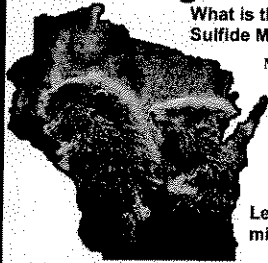
- At the December town board meeting in Cleveland Township former Flambeau Mine Head Geologist swore that he never heard of Kenacott using cyanide at any of their mines.
- The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Toxics Reporting System Multi-Year Facility Report indicates that in 1993 at least 36 pounds of potassium cyanide were disposed of at Kenacott's Flambeau Mine site in Rusk County.
- 36 pounds is not a lot of cyanide compared to the 15-to-18 tons per month of sodium cyanide that is expected to be used at the Crandon Mine at the headwaters of the Wolf River.
- But given 1 part per billion of cyanide is toxic to marine animals, it is important to track all use of this material.
- Three months ago we requested further information on this cyanide use at the Flambeau Mine from Kenacott's Project Manager Hans Rasmussen.
- So far we have received no reply to our request.

Source: WI DNR Reporting System Multi-Year Facility Report 3/28/97 Crandon Project Mine Permit Application 9/25/95

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Guinea Pigs ?

What is the Truth about Sulfide Mining?



Mining promoters claim the DNR requires the mining company to prove their methods will not damage the environment.

Let's look at the missing pieces:

- Scientific proof is based on the reproducibility of results, not theories and corporate-funded engineering projections.
- Even mining company executives, when pressed, cannot identify a single metallic sulfide mine any where in the world that has been reclaimed without major environmental problems
- This Spring, State Representative Spencer Black and others introduced the Sulfide Mining Moratorium Bill in the State Senate.
- This bill seeks to prohibit a company from mining a sulfide ore body until a similar mine has been operated elsewhere for at least ten years without polluting surface or ground water.
- Contact your legislators and tell them to support the Sulfide Mining Moratorium Bill because you don't want our state to be used as a guinea pig for the profit of foreign mining interests.

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Sacred Indian Historic Site or Future Mine Waste Dump?

What is the Truth about Sulfide Mining?



Cleveland Township's Metallic Mining Regulations require exploration permit applications to contain "a description of all significant conditions within the exploration area"

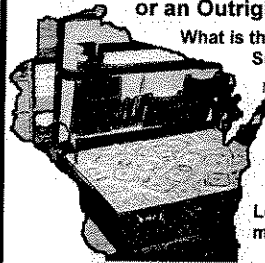
Let's look at the missing pieces

- Before the mining company arrived in town, this property was extolled for its invaluable, sacred Native American cultural artifacts.
- Once the prospect of riches from mineral exploitation was suggested, these sacred artifacts were conveniently forgotten.
- Of course, the mining company's lease/purchase agreement doesn't guarantee that any valuable minerals will be mined from this land or any royalties paid.
- This land could just become a transfer station or a waste dump for hazardous sulfide mine tailings.
- The possibility of desecrated ancestral grave sites, destroyed artifacts, poisoned waters and a barren landscape looms as a legacy for future generations.
- The Wisconsin Trust for Historic Preservation hopes otherwise: they have placed this site on their endangered archeological watch list for 1997.

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A Wise Investment or an Outright Swindle?

What is the Truth about Sulfide Mining?



Mining Companies like to talk about economic benefits for the people in the local community.

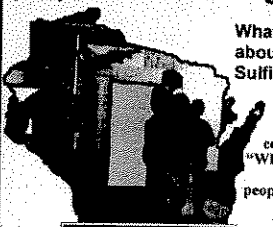
Let's look at the missing pieces

- At Rio Tinto's Ladysmith gold mine, the company made over half a billion dollar profit. (Yes, although they refer to it as a "copper mine," the value of the gold shipped out of the country far exceeded that of the copper deposit.)
- Despite these astounding profits, Rusk County has maintained one of the highest unemployment rates and lowest property values in the state, even while the rest of the country's economy is booming.
- Rusk County has the lowest per-capita income and ranks third in juvenile violent offenses in the state.
- The county's debt burden is far worse than before the mining company came to town.
- After the mining company discovered the gold deposit, they quietly bought up all the farm land where they wanted to mine and took it out of production. They told the landowners nothing about the minerals they were after and offered no royalties.
- Company officials call this shrewd economic strategy.
- In any other business transaction, it would be called a swindle.

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(un)Welcome Neighbors

What is the Truth about Sulfide Mining?



The mining company ads say: "When a mine opens in a community, people can be certain that good jobs will be available to local residents!"

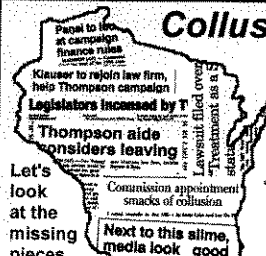
Let's look at the missing pieces

- We've already introduced you to Hans Rasmussen, the Project Manager for the Superior Region of the Kennecott Exploration Company recently headquartered in Black River Falls. (He's the tall sincere one on the left).
- The short, jolly fellow on the right is Field Geologist John Gartner.
- John moved into Cleveland Township last week—just before April's Town Board election. (He promised us he won't vote—this year.)
- Does this mean they can now claim that 25% of their high-paid employees are "local residents."
- Or are other local residents already on the payroll?

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Collusion ?

What is the Truth about Sulfide Mining?



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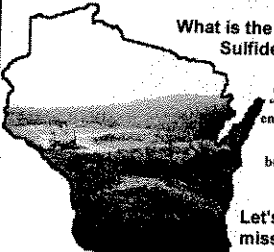
The mining company can ads "...to help citizens understand how state and federal laws govern all mining activities in Wisconsin."

- Before joining the Thompson administration, James Klausser was a lobbyist for the Exxon mining interests.
- For ten years Mr. Klausser served as the Governor's top advisor and Secretary of the Department of Administration. During this period, the DNR was politicized, water quality standards were lowered and mine permitting rates were altered to favor mining interests.
- Last Fall Mr. Klausser left the Thompson Administration and rejoined his old law firm.
- This law firm is suing the EPA on behalf of Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce (WMC) for allowing Wisconsin's tribes to set standards for water quality on reservation lands threatened by proposed mining operations.
- WMC is largely funded by mining interests and although it is not a licensed PAC, they spent a great deal of money running TV advertisements against candidates who signed the mining moratorium pledge.
- Three separate judges ruled these TV ads illegal under present campaign finance laws.
- Last Spring, Governor Thompson appointed Mr. Klausser to a commission to propose campaign finance reforms.
- You figure it out.

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Hunters Welcome???

What is the Truth about Sulfide Mining?



The mining company ads say: "State and federal environmental laws protect, not only human health, but habitats of fish and wildlife."

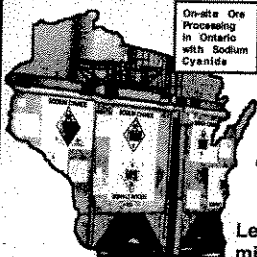
Let's look at the missing pieces

- Since you were here last year, an international mining conglomerate has tried to convince our county officials and private landowners to sign leases allowing them develop extensive mining facilities in our forests.
- All four counties in this area have rejected these schemes, but a few landowners have "taken the bait."
- We've been researching these issues and most of our neighbors agree that this is a bad deal because acid mine drainage would increase the exposure to heavy metals among other environmental and economic concerns
- If state environmental law is so great, why are there fish advisory warnings for PCB's, mercury and other heavy metals on so many of our lakes, rivers and streams?
- Ask your hosts how they feel about the prospect of deep shaft mines, ore processing facilities and toxic waste tailings deposits near their homes.
- If you agree that turning this area into a major mining district would compromise your vacation experience, please tell the people you do business with how you feel.

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Anxious?

What is the truth about sulfide mining?



On-site Ore Processing in Ontario with Sodium Cyanide

At a recent public meeting in Fairchild, the mining company General Manager could (or would) not "characterize" the nature of the chemicals that might be used at a local metallic mine ore-processing site.

Let's look at the missing pieces

- Although mining officials like to talk about Ladysmith as a "copper" mine, another mine employee informed us that they recovered between 1 1/2 and 3 ounces of gold per ton of ore—over four-times the value of the copper extracted.
- An industry newspaper, *The Northern Miner* (October 7, 1996) describes the on-site process as follows: "The mill recovers about 96% of the gold and 96% of the copper in the ore. Roughly 42% of the gold is recovered in a gravity circuit...Tailings from the flotation circuit go into a direct-cyanidation circuit to leach the rest of the gold."
- Cyanide from mining is a major pollutant to surface and groundwater from the Amazon to Zimbabwe and is still the chemical of choice for gold miners across the globe—including Ontario, Canada and the U.S. Rocky Mountains.
- Cyanide is classified as a "priority pollutant" by the U.S. Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service.
- The marine acute and chronic criteria for toxicity to aquatic life for cyanide is one part per billion.

* Source: Field Manual for the Investigation of Fish Kills, U.S. Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service Resource Publication 177, 1990.

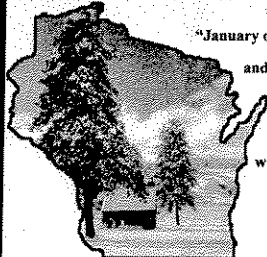
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Peace On Earth

"January observation can be almost as simple and peaceful as snow, and almost as continuous as cold."

There is time not only to see who has done what, but to speculate why."

-Aldo Leopold
A Sand County Almanac

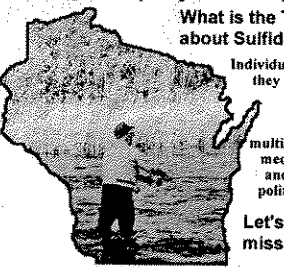


- Those of us at the Headwaters Group of Northern Thunder and our friends at Four Rivers Headwaters would like to extend to you our best wishes for the holidays.
- During this busy holiday season, may you find time to venture out and enjoy the natural beauty of this precious earth with which we have been blessed.
- May the coming year bring peace and tranquility to our communities.

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Mining Company Gives Up Claims!

What is the Truth about Sulfide Mining?



Individuals often think they have no power to change public policy in the face of multi-million dollar media campaigns and lobbying for political influence.

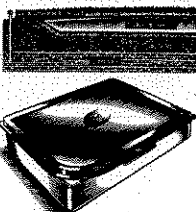
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- On April 14, members of the Conservation Congress all across Wisconsin voiced their views on issues relating to hunting, fishing, trapping, habitat and other environmental concerns.
- They called for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to evaluate the states 15,000 lakes and 12,000 streams and rivers to identify which deserve Outstanding Resource Waters (ORW) designation and to expedite a process whereby exceptional waters are upgraded to ORW.
- In June, the Joint Finance Committee voted unanimously to give the Willow Flowage in Oneida County ORW status.
- On August 20, the Oneida County Board also voted unanimously to support granting the Willow Flowage ORW status.
- On August 29, the Noranda Mining Company of Toronto Canada announced they were abandoning their lease with Oneida County for a proposed zinc and copper mine one mile from the Willow Flowage allowing the mineral and surface rights to revert back to Oneida County.

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Tupperware® Solution

What is the Truth about Sulfide Mining?



Crandon Mining's latest newspaper advertisement claims they have a "proven method to safeguard our waters"

Let's look at the missing pieces

- They describe "engineered basins with thick clay and plastic liners top and bottom. The top liner system will be eight feet thick, the bottom liner system six feet thick."
- They claim it's the same technology "that now protects groundwater under modern landfills sites around Wisconsin."
- Wisconsin municipal landfills require *four feet* of impermeable bentonite clay.
- The original plan for the Crandon mine called for four feet of clay but when they found out how expensive it would be, they reduced the bottom layer to *3 inches* of clay. The rest of their scientific "liner system" is dirt.
- The layer of plastic is thinner than most Tupperware and is made up of narrow strips glued together. These liners *always fail.*
- Exxon can't even get the Tupperware container lid in their ad to fit right.

*G. Fred Lee and Anne R. Jones, Municipal Solid Waste Management in Lined, "Dry Tomb" Landfills: a Technologically Flawed Approach for Protection of Ground-water Quality (El Macero, Calif.: G. Fred Lee & Associates, March, 1992). Brought to you by the Headwaters Group of Northern Thunder P.O. Box 124, Fairchild, WI 54741 715/334-2271

National Pollution Prevention Week

Sept 15-21

What is the Truth about Sulfide Mining?

Governor Tommy Thompson has also declared this week Pollution Prevention Week in Wisconsin to highlight state and local efforts to protect human health and wildlife by keeping mercury out of Wisconsin's environment.



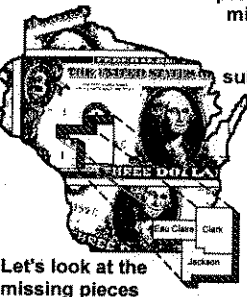
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- Mercury is a heavy metal that is extremely toxic and is responsible for fish advisories in hundreds of Wisconsin's rivers and lakes
- Mercury is used in more than 2,000 industrial and consumer applications.
- Mercury is also emitted from coal-fired power plants and industrial smelters.*
- Mercury is found naturally in most of our earth's crust in metallic form. As such it is fairly harmless.
- Acid mine drainage, an almost inevitable result of sulfide mining operations and waste storage facilities, leaches out this mercury and allows it to enter our streams and ground water where it is taken up by the fish.
- Present plans for mines in Wisconsin do not include on-site smelting. After enough mines are permitted, however, you can be sure, the mining companies will want to smelt their ores here rather than incur the expense of shipping the raw material to Canada or Utah.

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Bamboozled?

.....by the propaganda and misinformation you've been told about sulfide mining?



The international mining conglomerate says mining is safe and good for our local economy.

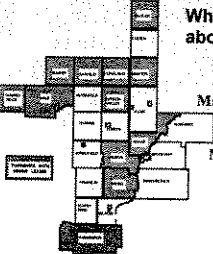
Let's look at the missing pieces

- Earlier this year, the Board of Supervisors from Jackson, Clark and Eau Claire Counties *all* rejected contract proposals from the Mining Company to explore county forests.
- With guidance from their lawyers and expert advisors, the boards concluded the environmental threats were too great and the promised financial benefits were not likely to be realized.
- In short, it was a win-lose-lose deal: the mining company would clearly win, while the local economy would not. The environment would be the biggest loser.
- Rejected by the counties, the mining companies are now tempting unsuspecting landowners the same kind of win-lose contracts.
- Don't sign any contract until you have a knowledgeable lawyer review it and look out for your interests.

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Who is Next?

What is the Truth about Sulfide Mining?



Last month Kennecott Exploration's Project Manager said they were no longer interested in exploring in the Melrose-Mindoro area

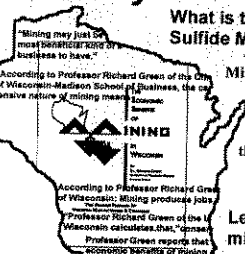
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- Last week the Flambeau Mining Company registered leases on 650 acres in the Township of Garden Valley in Jackson County
- They also registered agreements to explore and/or purchase 674 acres in Irving Township.
- These sites border on property owned by over three dozen families, many of whom may not want to live next to a sulfide mining complex.
- One lease even includes an easement for the mining company to go through a neighbor's land.
- Trout Run Creek runs through the leased property.
- Trout Run Creek also flows through the Village of Irving and dumps into the Black River just north of Melrose.
- This mining exploration site is less than two miles east of Representative Terry Mussler's property.
- How soon before they come into your neighborhood?

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Authority?

What is the Truth about Sulfide Mining?



Mining company ads quote a Professor Richard Green to support their claim that sulfide mining is good for a local economy

Let's look at the missing pieces:

- Since Professor Green was being quoted so frequently, we were interested in reading his original study.
- It turns out that the study was funded by Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce (WMC), the mining industry lobbying group.
- When we asked WMC for a copy of the original study, "Potential Economic Impacts of Mining," they sent us their synopsis, "The Economic Benefits of Mining."
- Ron Vick at the Flambeau Mining Company in Ladysmith also promised to send us the original study, but it never arrived.
- Kennecott's Hans Rasmussen also said he responded to our request for the text, but he never sent it either.
- When we contacted Professor Green in Madison, he was unwilling to share the original paper.
- Green told us, "That study was done over five years ago and is really only relevant to that specific area in Rusk County. I would not want to generalize those ideas to your area. It's probably not relevant to your conditions."

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Time For A Revolution?

What is the Truth About Sulfide Mining?



Mining company officials say we should trust them because they have an international reputation to maintain.

Let's look at the missing pieces

- The *Eau Claire Leader Telegram* reported in March 1997 on the Prime Minister in Papua New Guinea who was forced to resign by a mass uprising.
- The article reported, "Chan's government hired the British and South African mercenaries to quash a rebellion on the copper-rich island of Bougainville."
- It went on to say, "About 1,000 people have died since the rebellion began in 1988 as an environmental protest."
- That environmental protest was in response to the massive destruction of the island's ecosystem by a mining company known as RTZ/CPA headquartered in London.
- This same company is known locally as Kennecott Exploration and Flambeau Mining.

Sources: Eau Claire Leader Telegram March 26, 1997 and Punder by Roger Moody, Published by People Against RTZ and its Subsidiaries, London 1991. Brought to you by the Headwaters Group of Northern Thunder P.O. Box 124, Fairchild, WI 54741 715/334-2271

General Strike!!!

Ground Zero Rally Site for State-Wide General Strike

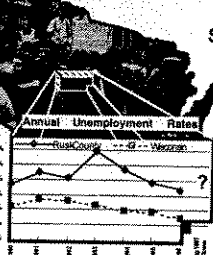
What is the Truth about Sulfide Mining?

- Wisconsin community groups opposing Exxon's Crandon mine proposal and other sulfide mining threats called for a statewide General Strike on Sunday, January 26, and a nighttime rally in downtown Green Bay.
- "On January 26, we call on people throughout Wisconsin to show their opposition to Exxon by not working or shopping that afternoon," said George Rock of the Wisconsin Resources Protection Council. "Just stay at home with your family and friends, and watch TV."
- "During the strike, we urge citizens to wear the colors green and gold—green for the environment and gold for the threatened tourist economy in northern Wisconsin," said Bob Schmitz, president of the Wolf River Watershed Alliance, and former president of Communications Workers of America Local 5520 in Green Bay. Schmitz added, "We also ask Wisconsin citizens to wear the letter 'G' on their clothing, to stand for 'Go Home Exxon!'"
- The strike is a repeat of last year's anti-Exxon labor action on January 14, 1996, which strike organizers say brought 90 percent compliance statewide, and strengthened public opposition to Texas-based corporations.
- They predict that nearly 100 percent of the citizens in northeastern Wisconsin—closest to the proposed mine site—will abide by this year's strike call. The strike will culminate in a large anti-mine rally in downtown Green Bay, starting around 8 pm. Rock called on rally participants to be loud and boisterous in support of locally owned business in Wisconsin.

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Belabored?

What is the Truth about Sulfide Mining?



The mining company ads say, "Employment offers a high quality of life for people in communities around a mine"

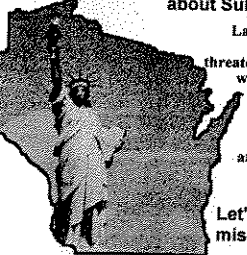
Let's look at the missing pieces

- In 1990, the year before the Ladysmith mine was licensed, the annual unemployment rate in Rusk County was 7.4%
- Since that time, the unemployment rate has averaged 9.2%.
- The unemployment rate for the State of Wisconsin as a whole for this period was only 4.6%.
- In 1993, the year the mine opened and the mine supposedly employed the largest number of local residents, the county's annual unemployment rate skyrocketed to 11.8%.
- Rusk County's average unemployment rate for 1996 was 6.5% while the rate for Wisconsin as a whole dropped to 3.0%.
- In 1997 the mine closed and most employees were laid off.
- Rusk County still has one of the highest unemployment rates in the state.
- The mining company ads call this "an economic miracle."

Data from the Wisconsin Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations Wisconsin Employment Profile, 1998 August. Council, Labor Management Economist, Department of Workforce Development. Brought to you by the Headwaters Group of Northern Thunder P.O. Box 124, Fairchild, WI 54741 715/334-2271

Slap Suit?

What is the Truth about Sulfide Mining?



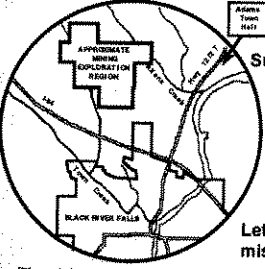
Large corporations have a habit of threatening individuals with frivolous but very expensive law suits to discourage free speech and just criticism.

Let's look at the missing pieces

- The mining company's lawyer has been carefully collecting copies of all our publications.
- Supporters of the mining company complained to the State regarding our legal status to run these ads and receive donations (Northern Thunder is a registered non-profit environmental education group but we are not a "charity" and any contributions are not tax deductible).
- A mining company geologist complained that we improperly implied he moved to Cleveland Township to vote in our local election and requested a camera-ready proof of that ad for his "scrapbook." (He did not vote this year.)
- At the last Cleveland Township board meeting, officers of a mining company-funded "citizens" group threatened to sue our town officials for instituting a land-use planning process for our community.
- We challenge the mining company to a dialog on the facts from any of our ads in either the press or a public forum.
- If they choose to sue us, we'll let you know in this space and begin accepting contributions to our "legal defense fund."
- In the mean time, all contributions go for local publication costs and spreading this information to other parts of the state. Thanks for your support!

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Not In My Back Yard!



What is the Truth about Sulfide Mining?
The mining company wants to explore for sulfide minerals in northern Jackson, Clark, Eau Claire and Trempealeau Counties.

Let's look at the missing pieces

- The mining company has leased over 500 acres for mining exploration in Adams Township north of Black River Falls.
- Alcens Creek runs through this land and on into the Black River just upstream of Black River Falls.
- Another tributary runs through this area and into Town Creek which flows through Deer Park—by the golf course, hospital, grade school and municipal swimming pool—and into the river right in the middle of town.
- Maybe you're not concerned that sulfide mining operations have polluted over 12,000 miles of rivers in the west or that other parts of the state are threatened by proposed mining operations, but...
- What about when sulfide mine acid drainage starts flowing through your city?
- Come to the Adams Town Hall just north of the car dealers on Highway 12/27 on Tuesday, February 11 at 7:15 p.m. and hear why Tom Myatt, General Manager of the Flambeau Mining Company, wants to put a sulfide mine in your backyard.

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The Company Line

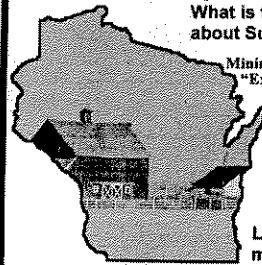


What is the Truth about Sulfide Mining?
Tom Myatt, General Manager of the Flambeau Mining Company, spoke at the Adams Town Hall last Winter. Here is some of what he said:

- If the company finds no minerals on a leased property, they won't keep the land for other purposes such as a waste dump. [The signed leases and the historical record say otherwise.]
- "Lastly, [after Environmental Impact approval] we obtain a local land-use permit or negotiate a local agreement. [Local agreements for the Ladysmith and Crandon mines were signed before any environmental impact statements were approved.]
- \$17 million was invested in economic development in Rusk County "resulting from the taxes we paid." [This is only true if you count development money totally unrelated to mining that the Thomas Administration pumped into the area to make the project look good.]
- His graphic of a sulfide tailings waste pile showed the clay liner 2 or 3 times as thick as the mine itself being protected. [The clay liner at Crandon is less than 1 foot thick and the tailings pile is 30 feet tall.] Myatt said his graphic was "maybe a little out of scale."
- State laws have been amended to not require municipalities to have zoning or land use regulations in place to negotiate a local agreement. [Wisconsin Statute §293.41(1) says otherwise.]
- He referenced studies implying successful reclamation of metallic sulfide mining operations. [It was one coal mine.]
- The company claims they have "viability in perpetuity" simply on the basis that Keanecci and RTZ say they are concerned about maintaining their international corporate reputations.

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Farmland Preservation ...Relinquished



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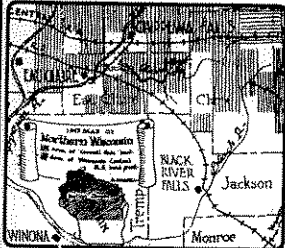
Mining company ads say "Exploration activities do not harm the surrounding environment and result in virtually no interference with agricultural and other existing uses of the land."

Let's look at the missing pieces

- In 1973 a Trempealeau County farmer signed a Farmland Preservation Agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture.
- In January of 1997 the same farmer signed the mining company's Exploration Rights Agreement which says "Flambeau shall not conduct any activities which would constitute a 'prohibited use' on any part of the premises subject to a Farmland Preservation Agreement."
- However, just last month the farmer was moved to relinquish his Farmland Preservation Agreement in order to make his land available for exploration.
- It appears that even mining exploration can result in "interference with agricultural and other existing uses of the land" after all.

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Who Owns the Minerals Under Your Property ??



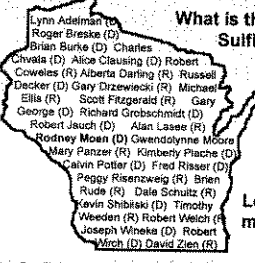
What is the Truth About Sulfide Mining?

Let's look at the missing pieces

- In Clark and Eau Claire Counties, Cornell University claims the mineral rights to over 12,000 acres.
- In Trempealeau, Clark, Eau Claire and Jackson Counties, the Federal Land Bank of St Paul is the other major absentee mineral rights holder.
- In Jackson County the Farm Credit Services (conveniently located across the street from the new Keanecci office) seems to represent this interest.
- In Cleveland Township alone, over 4,000 acres were owned by the railroads. The rights for property owned in 1863 by the La Crosse & Milwaukee Railroad were mysteriously refilled in 1990. Check your land abstract for document # 303-303.
- If Mr. Dennis Bittman from the mining company offers you an exploration contract, insist that he certifies in writing that no one else owns the minerals under your property.

Sources: The Wisconsin Pine Lands of Cornell University - A Study in Land Policy and Absentee Ownership by Paul Wallace Gates, 1943 available at the L.E. Phillips Library and mineral claims recorded at county Register of Deeds offices.
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Legislative Leadership



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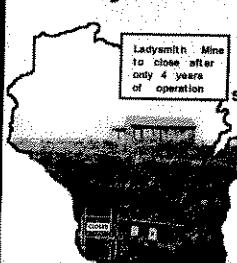
The Mining Company claims the Sulfide Mining Moratorium Bill is a ban on mining in Wisconsin

Let's look at the missing pieces:

- In February of this year, 29 of 32 State Senators showed courage and leadership by passing the bipartisan Sulfide Mining Moratorium Bill (SR3).
- This bill simply asks that no sulfide mine be opened in Wisconsin until the industry can show one similar mine in the US or Canada that has been successfully operated and closed for at least 10 years without major environmental damage.
- Mining industry spokespeople say the law is not necessary because they are already operating safely elsewhere but they can point to no such mine that meets this criteria.
- We especially appreciate Rod Moen's vote and his willingness to speak out in support of this bill.
- Let's hope members of the State Assembly will also commit themselves, speak out and vote to protect our State's rivers and groundwater.
- Come to the public hearing in Milwaukee on Tuesday October 14 to express your support for this bill.

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Betrayed?



.....by the half-truths and misinformation you've been told about sulfide mining?

The mining companies offer the prospect of economic growth and prosperity to the communities in the areas they want to exploit.

Let's look at the missing pieces

- A look at the history of mining activity proves that any prosperity is short lived while the devastation persists.
- Experience in Appalachia, Northern Pennsylvania, Northern Minnesota, the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, and hundreds of early mining communities in the Rockies and elsewhere shows that mining operations leave the few remaining residents with polluted water, blighted landscapes, and increased health risks.
- The mines made money mostly for outside investors who never chose to live in the communities exploited.
- The rest of us would like to stay and enjoy the natural beauty of this part of Wisconsin and build our communities with sustainable development.
- We don't want to be left in a mining "ghost town."

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Circle Tour

Learn the Truth about Sulfide Mining

Have your questions answered. All are welcome.

Let's look at the missing pieces

The 1997 Circle Tour for a Sulfide Mining Moratorium is coming to Western Wisconsin with several forums scheduled over the next few weeks. Educators, sportsmen, public officials, environmentalists and Native Americans will be speaking at these free informational meetings, highlighting the environmental, cultural and economic impacts of metallic sulfide mining and the need for the Assembly to pass the mining moratorium bill.

A Video, "Keepers of the Water," will also be shown.

Dates, and locations of local meetings are:

- Wed., Aug. 20 in Onalaska at the Omni Center.
 - Thur., Aug. 21 in Neillsville at the M&I Bank.
 - Tue., Aug. 26 in River Falls in the President's Room of the UW-River Falls Student Center.
 - Wed., Aug. 27 in Eau Claire in the Chippewa Room of the public library.
 - Thur., Aug. 28 in Dodge at the Sportsmen's Club.
 - Mon., Sept. 8 in Humbird at the old community hall.
 - Wed., Sept. 10 in Virouqua at the Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School.
 - Wed, Sept 17 in Meenomonie at UW Stout Great Hall.
- All meetings are at 7:00 pm

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Questioning?

What is the truth about sulfide mining?



The mining company says, "Citizens will have many chances to ask questions, express their concerns, and make sure that any project Keanecci might design will be safe."

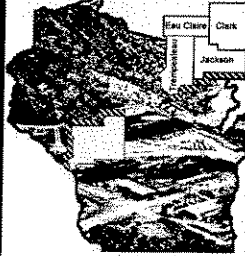
Let's look at the missing pieces

- Private mineral lease agreements deny the landowners the right to "disclose any information [they] may obtain with respect to the results of the operations" no matter what the mining company does on that land.
- Mining company supporters have attacked the right of a local newspaper editor to question the company's claims.
- Company officials seem to attend informational meetings only if they expect to hear pro-mining presentations but not if environmental issues are being discussed.
- The mining company does not allow the distribution of information at the Ladysmith mine site.
- Last Fall in Fairchild, the mining company's General Manager refused to identify the chemicals used in ore processing.
- The mining company quit running ads in this paper as soon as we started questioning their claims.
- It seems it is important for you to get all the pieces—only if the mining company is supplying all the information.

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Concerned?

What is the Truth about Sulfide Mining?



The mining company ads say, "Companies that have been granted prospecting or mining permits are held strictly liable...forever."

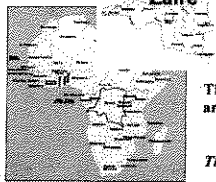
Let's look at the missing pieces

- DNR Administrative Rule NR 182.19 Exemptions and Modifications of Regulation of Metallic Mining Wastes states: "The department may grant exemptions from the requirements of this chapter and modifications to any license, plan of action or other authority issued under this chapter."
- Section NR 182.17 Financial Responsibility for Long-Term Care, Subsection 10 on Early Termination states: "The owner of an approved waste facility may apply to the department for termination of its responsibility for long term care at any time after the facility has been closed for at least 10 years."
- It's kind of like a criminal with a life sentence who gets let out after 10 years because he's got a buddy on the parole board.

SOURCE: An Overview of Metallic Mineral Regulation in Wisconsin revised edition by Thomas J. Evans, Wisconsin Geological Survey Special Report 13, 1996; Appendix: Wisconsin Statutes and Administrative Rules.
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Official Corruption

What is the Truth about Sulfide Mining?



Let's look at the missing pieces

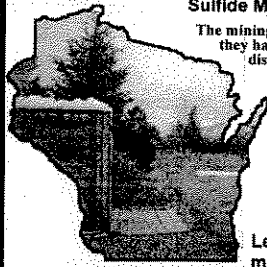
The following quotes are from an editorial in the mining trade magazine *The Northern Miner*:

- "Pervasive corruption can severely affect project economics as payoffs divert money from projects and reduce their profitability."
- "Corruption can destabilize national security and push the gap between the haves and the have-nots so far apart that the overthrow of regimes is a real possibility."
- "For proof, one need look no further than Zaire where the country's siling leader, Mobutu Sese Seko, is under siege by rebel forces."
- "The country ought to be one of the most prosperous nations in the world."
- "Instead, it has a failed economy and grinding poverty."
- "All because, for many decades, corrupt interests have plundered the nations wealth."
- "Let us hope rebel leaders will be pragmatic enough to respect existing business agreements with foreign investors."
- "Guess who was bribing all those corrupt government officials for the last 30 years? It must be cheaper to do business in Wisconsin."

Source: *The Northern Miner* March 27, 1987

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Wasted? What is the Truth about Sulfide Mining?



The mining company claims they have state-of-the-art disposal designed for their toxic mine tailings waste. "This...process results in...reclamation programs that return a mine to a useful purpose after mining is complete."

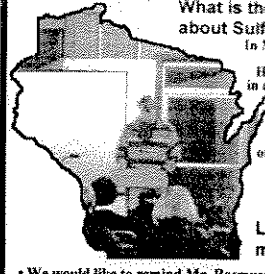
Let's look at the missing pieces

- The mine tailings from a sulfide mine have to be isolated from both air and water or else sulfuric acid forms and leaches toxic "heavy metals" out of the crushed rock.
- At the Ladysmith mine, the plan is to simply dump the tailings back into the hole.
- There is no liner and no cover membrane.
- Speculations for what will top this waste heap include: a lake, a golf course, an industrial park and a wet land.
- The mining company's plan is to "donate" this pile of sulfide ore (refuse to the city and let them decide what to do with it) (and thus share in the responsibility for future environmental problems and catastrophes).
- If the mining company wants to be so generous with their property, why don't they take the thousands of acres of farmland they bought in Rusk County and give some of that land back to the community.
- Tell your local, county and state officials that we don't want the burden of the mining company's wastes piles.

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Hello...Earth to Hans Rasmussen!

What is the Truth about Sulfide Mining?



In May 1977 Kennecott Project Director Hans Rasmussen said in a letter to the editor, "Whenever any individuals or groups such as the Headwaters Group of Northern Thunder have any questions about exploration, we have attempted to furnish it."

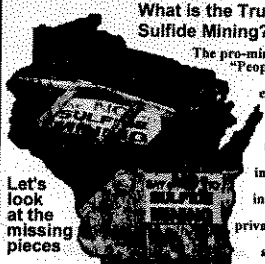
Let's look at the missing pieces

- We would like to remind Mr. Rasmussen of the following written requests for information that we have made since he took responsibility for this area:
- On February 24 we asked if they had ever drilled any exploration holes larger than four inches in diameter.
- On March 14 we requested a copy of the most recent RTZ annual report and a list of their subsidiaries.
- In the same letter we requested a copy of a paper by Professor Richard Green, *The Potential Impacts of Mining*, which is often quoted in their advertising.
- On March 20 we asked for employment information at Kennecott's Greens Creek Mine in Alaska which was closed down while Flambeau Mining was getting cheaper minerals from their Ladysmith site.
- On April 6 we requested information about the disposal of the potassium cyanide used at the Flambeau Mine.
- To date, none of our written requests have even been acknowledged. Hello...Is anybody home?

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Public Discourse

What is the Truth about Sulfide Mining?



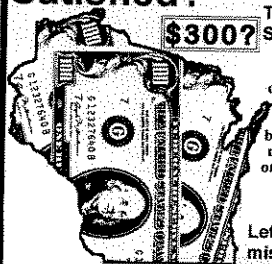
Let's look at the missing pieces

The pro-mining organization, "People for Wisconsin," claim their "new environmentalism" is "based on hope instead of fear, solution instead of conflict, education instead of litigation, science instead of emotion... to help protect private property rights in a law abiding and civil manner."

- Hundreds of private landowners, at private expense, have chosen to speak out regarding the threat of sulfide mining to their community and environment by placing "Say NO to Sulfide Mining" signs on their own land.
- Over the last year, many scores of these signs have been stolen, destroyed or obliterated with counter graffiti.
- This is how an official of People for Wisconsin and a former Kennecott employee defended the defacement of these signs:
- "Regarding the signs, welcome to the world of public property—park benches, public rest room walls, overpass supports and train stations—graffiti is as old as recorded history and it has shown up everywhere."
- "Everyone has a different opinion. Your signs have been put out in public and some public-spirited people have disagreed with your opinion."
- If the mining company and their supporters truly wanted sound dialogue on the issues of sulfide mining, they should condemn this violence against private property and people's rights to express their views "in a law abiding and civil manner."

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Satisfied? What is the Truth about Sulfide Mining?



\$300?

The mining company ads say: "Exploration offers economic benefits and poses no environmental or financial risk to the landowner."

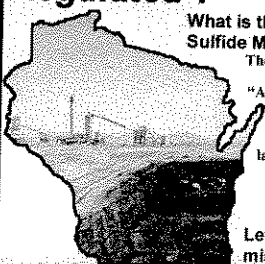
Let's look at the missing pieces

- Some local landowners have accepted as little as \$300 to allow the mining company to explore on their land.
- Most homeowners do not know their rights regarding the ores beneath their farms and homesteads.
- Historically, mineral rights from many private lands in Wisconsin were transferred to the railroads or groups like Cornell University in New York or other interests.
- The mining company may already have acquired these mineral rights without your knowledge.
- Mineral rights take legal precedents over surface rights. This means the holders of your mineral rights can force you off your land with only minimal compensation.
- Even owners who expect a percentage of the profit from the ores on their lands may end up with no royalties.
- Not one landowner in Rusk County received any royalty at all for the minerals on the land they sold.
- Don't sign any contract without hiring a good lawyer familiar with mineral rights.

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Regulated?

What is the Truth about Sulfide Mining?



The mining company ads claim, "A mine is subject to state mining laws as well as all environmental laws and standards that apply to all other industries."

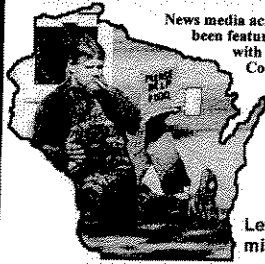
Let's look at the missing pieces

- If the rest of us want to abandon an old well, we are required to fill the entire hole with concrete. DNR Statute 138.06(1) allows the mining companies to fill their exploration holes with clay, crushed rock, sand or gravel.
- A gas station or a farm is responsible for the purity of the soil and water directly beneath their operations. DNR 152.075 establishes a "compliance boundary" of 1,200 feet from the edge of mining operations within which no groundwater standards apply and no testing is required.
- Only 640 acres of farmland may be held under foreign ownership and used for agricultural use. SS 710.02 removes all limits on foreign ownership of land for mineral exploration and development.
- If a farmer drains a swamp to increase his fields, he'll surely face a DNR fine. NR 132.06(4)(d) allows the use of wetlands for the disposal and storage of mining waste.
- Tell your local, county and state officials that you want Wisconsin's environmental laws to apply to everyone, not just the little guy.

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Economic Benefits

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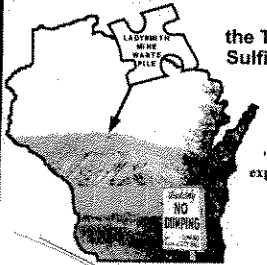
News media across the state have been featuring a "puff piece" with Flambeau Mining Company's manager Jeff Earushaw claiming their mine provided millions of dollars in economic development to Rusk County.

- Much of the money invested in Ladysmith, supposedly stimulated by the mine, is actually other state and federal development money that should have been shared with other Wisconsin communities. This money was funneled to Rusk County by the Thompson administration to make mining look good.
- Even more of the "mining money" was originally intended by the legislature to help defray legal costs for communities like ours who have to deal with the mining company before the mine comes in, not prop up a failed economy after the mine closes.
- A large portion of local resident's tax dollars (\$115 per resident per year) also went into these "economic development projects."
- Between 1989 and 1997, the principal debt for the City of Ladysmith skyrocketed from \$150,000 to \$430,000.
- Over the same period, the population of Ladysmith has actually decreased.
- As of February 1997, Rusk County had the highest unemployment rate in the state.

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Bewildered?

What is the Truth about Sulfide Mining?



Mining company ads say, "Local agreements expand the authority of communities to address specific issues of local concern."

Let's look at the missing pieces

- A town must have zoning, permitting or land-use ordinance in place before a local agreement is required.
- State law and the mining companies encourage town boards to sign a local agreement very early in the permitting process before the environmental impact statements are filed or the board really knows what the company is going to do.
- Once a board signs the agreement, the town can never back out of the deal, even if the board members have long been thrown out of office.
- The town renounces all rights for further regulation of mining activities and can't even testify against the company at the master hearing where the mining company gets its final permit.
- The more activity the mining company does in the town (such as exploratory drilling), the harder it is for the town to exercise its will without fear of being sued.

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A True Story

What is the Truth About Sulfide Mining?



- "Sue" (not her real name) grew up in a small mining town in northern Ontario.
- She married a miner and they lived at Elliot Lake where her husband used to operate a bulldozer burying barrels of contaminated material at Kennecott's uranium mine.
- When they closed the mine, Sue and her husband had to abandon their home and moved to Sudbury where her husband works in the nickel mines.
- The mining culture so depressed Sue she gave up her professional career and moved out to the country near a pristine Provincial Park to start a small tourist business and where her husband visits on weekends.
- After she was settled, she discovered her new home was sitting on an abandoned copper mine waste pile.
- In order to get potable drinking water, she had to install a \$7,000 purification system that costs her \$1,500 every 3 months to maintain.
- Sue observes, "I have nothing good to say about the mining industry. They destroy families and they destroy communities. Do whatever you can to keep them out of your town."

Brought to you by the Headwaters Group of Northern Thunder
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Buchholz, Marsha**From:** craig murphy**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 1997 2:44 PM**To:** Rep.Ainsworth; Rep.Albers; Rep.Baldwin; Rep.Baumgart; Rep.Black; Rep.Bock;
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Rep.Wasserman; Rep.Wieckert; Rep.Williams; Rep.Wood; Rep.YoungL; Rep.YoungR;
Ziegelbauer, Bob; Rep.Zukowski; Duff@legis.state.wi.us**Subject:** Bill SB 3/AB 70

Dear Representative, I oppose the destructive forces that sulfide mining will inflict on Wisconsin and other states where it is used. I live in Montana, where mining has significantly degraded the quality of our land and water leaving us with some of this countries largest superfund sites. I prefer to vacation in, move to and do business in states that have a healthy economy and clean environment. I urge you to support Wisconsin's sulfide Mining Moratorium Bill SB 3/AB 70 and to use the full authority of your office to help get the bill passed.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Craig Murphy

Buchholz, Marsha

From: amccombs@mail.wiscnet.net

Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 1997 9:12 AM

To: Duff@legis.state.wi.us

Cc: Buchholz, Marsha; Prentiss, Mike

Subject: Please support and vote for the Mining Moratorium SB 3/AB 70.

October 14, 1997

Alice McCombs
P.O. Box 573
Shawano, WI 54166

Representative Marc Duff, Chair
Assembly Environment Committee

Dear Representative Duff,

Please support and vote for the Mining Moratorium SB 3/AB 70.

The Mining Moratorium is a simple common sense bill that would prohibit the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources from permitting a mine until it determines that a mine has operated in a similar sulfide ore body in the US or Canada for 10 years without polluting groundwater or surface water and that a mine operated in similar conditions has been closed for at least 10 years without polluting groundwater or surface water.

I am opposed to sulfide mining in Wisconsin and support Wisconsin's Mining Moratorium Bill SB 3 / AB 70 because:

For the past thirty years, multinational mining companies including RTZ, Kennecott, Noranda, BHP, Rio Algom and Exxon have been working to open North Wisconsin for metallic sulfide mining.

Many Wisconsin citizens believe Crandon Mining Company (CMC) is only a locally owned business in Crandon, Wisconsin, but CMC is actually a wholly owned subsidiary of Exxon, the Texas multinational responsible for the 1989 Alaska Valdez disaster and Rio Algom, Inc., a Canadian company responsible for radioactive contamination of Serpent River in Ontario, Canada.

Exxon/Rio Algom's Crandon Mining Company, is currently in the permitting process to open a 44 million ton zinc and copper mine directly adjacent to the Mole Lake Sokaogon Chippewa Tribe. Exxon's proposed Wolf River mine would put a 44 million ton metallic sulfide zinc/copper mine with a 350 acre tailings waste site at the headwaters of the Wolf River, an Outstanding Resource Water and one of the nation's top vacation destinations for trout and sturgeon fishing, hiking, camping, whitewater rafting, canoeing, and kayaking.

Any pollution from Exxon's proposed mine would impact all communities along the Wolf River, including three federally recognized Wisconsin Indian Tribes with whom the U.S. Government has treaty obligations -- the Mole Lake Sokaogon Chippewa, the Forest County Potawatomi, and the Menominee Nation. The Wolf River is an essential part of the daily lives of these American Indian tribes. The Mole Lake Sokaogon Chippewa and Forest County Potawatomi, hunt, fish and gather wild rice in the headwaters of the Wolf

River. People of the Menominee Nation have lived on the shores of the Wolf River for eight thousand years. The Wolf River gives the Menominee clean water and food, nourishes a thriving timber industry, forms the heart of their spiritual life, Generations of their loved ones are buried on the banks of the river's .

Exxon's proposed 38 mile waste-water pipeline would send water too contaminated to discharge into the Wolf River to be discharged into the Wisconsin River. This interbasin transfer of at least one million gallons of water per day from the Great Lakes Watershed into the Mississippi Watershed. Water Since other multinational mining companies view the Exxon project as their "foot in the door" to get a sulfide mining district established across North Wisconsin, allowing Exxon to do their interbasin transfer would set a dangerous precedent.

Sulfide mining would require the interstate transport of hazardous chemicals into/across Wisconsin and ore concentrate out of Wisconsin to smelters located in the U.S. and Canada. The potential for multinational mining companies to use interstate transport of hazardous chemicals and interbasin transfers of water from the Great Lakes to the Mississippi River puts the entire midsection of the United States and Canada at risk for contamination of ground water, surface waters, soil, and air from acid mine drainage, toxic chemical spills, pipeline breaks, and heavy metal particulate.

Since Exxon announced its discovery of a massive sulfide deposit in North Wisconsin in 1976, Wisconsin citizens have witnessed multinational mining companies working with and/or contributing to state political campaigns as well as pro-mining, anti-environmental, and/or anti-indian lobby groups such as Wisconsin Association of Manufacturers and Commerce, Coalition for Fair Regulation, People for the West, Protect American Rights & Resources, Stop Treaty Abuse, and the Citizens Equal Rights Alliance.

In 1995, the political influence of the mining industry helped eliminate the Public Intervenor, who was the people's advocate for environmental protection, and gave the Governor control of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). Actions WDNR Secretary Meyer has taken in the past year appear to demonstrate Meyer's role as champion for the mining industry in the state's pro-mining administration:

1. The reactivated Metallic Mining Council makes recommendations to the Natural Resource Board about rules regarding metallic mining. The majority (five out of eight) of the appointments Secretary Meyer made to the Council were from the mining industry or are well-known supporters of mining -- Rodney Harrill, President of Exxon's Crandon Mining Company, Thomas Myatt, General Manager of Flambeau Mining Company, James Buchen, Vice-President of Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce, Erhard Huettl, Forest County Chairman, and Susan Courter of Michels Materials.
2. The Secretary appears to have cooperated with Exxon/CMC on their \$million public relations campaign.
3. Secretary Meyer and WDNR staff have conducted numerous meetings around the state to sanction--if not promote--sulfide mining and Exxon/CMC's proposed Wolf River Mine with time and expense paid by Exxon.
4. The Secretary and WDNR have been grossly lenient in their treatment of Exxon/CMC's studies for their permits which contain numerous inconsistencies and errors."

More than twenty years of heavy campaign funding and lobbying of state officials by the mining industry has weakened state laws regulating mining. Secretary Meyer claims state mining regulations have improved since the 1970s as one reason that the sulfide Mining Moratorium is not needed. Unfortunately, nothing could be further from the truth. More than twenty years of heavy campaign funding and lobbying of state officials by the mining industry has weakened state laws regulating mining. Mining companies can store hazardous waste in backfilled mines with minimal agency oversight. The WDNR can grant exemptions and variances to any mining regulation. The Local Agreement Law allows mining companies to make agreements with local governments that override local environmental and zoning ordinances against the wishes of the majority of local citizens.

Wisconsin's mining laws now allow unlimited contamination of groundwater up to 1200 feet around a mine site and mine waste sites. Upon the request of legislators and citizens the DNR Board has revisited the compliance boundary regulation of 1200 feet, but ironically this rule change has been put on hold until possibly November -- conveniently after the Legislature debates and votes on the Mining Moratorium.

These illustrations contradict Secretary Meyer's statement that mining laws have improved since the 1970s.

The mining industry has tried to confuse laborers for state state mining equipment manufacturers with claims that the moratorium would lead to job loss -- despite the fact that none of the Wisconsin divisions of these companies would manufacture equipment that CMC/Exxon would use.

Exxon and Rio Algom are not the friends of labor -- they have terrible track records for worker safety and health. A 1991 survey by United Steel workers found that "Rio Algom had consistently underestimated hazards to virtually every part of the mining complex and mills, by deliberately under-reading radiation levels." From 1987 to 1990, the Occupational Safety and Health Law Center reported that Exxon ranked at or near the bottom for corporate mine safety.

Unionists in Wisconsin who know about Exxon/Rio Algom's track records support the Mining Moratorium and have passed resolutions against sulfide mining.

(See <http://www.alphacdc.com/treaty/clasp.html>).

The majority of Wisconsin citizens oppose sulfide mining and Exxon's proposed Wolf River mine. Thousands of citizens across Wisconsin, all eleven federally recognized U.S./Wisconsin Indian Tribes, over 70 environmental/sports/conservation/church groups and over 40 local governments support the Mining Moratorium, oppose sulfide mining and have passed resolutions against Exxon's proposed Wolf River mine. Thousands of citizens/local communities all along the Wisconsin river oppose and have passed resolutions against Exxon's proposed wastewater pipeline.

After three years in the current permitting process for Exxon's proposed Wolf River mine, Exxon/CMC still has to revise basic studies that the company must use to predict the mine's impacts on surface waters, groundwater and drawdown. Exxon/CMC's groundwater flow model contains numerous errors and inconsistencies. To supposedly protect the Wolf River

forever, Exxon/CMC has to substantially revise the Feasibility Report for its "Tailings Management Area," the company's 350 acre potentially toxic waste dump.

Metallic sulfide mining has destroyed communities around the world and created over \$1.6 million dollars in clean up costs. In the United States alone, metallic sulfide mining has contaminated over 12,000 miles of rivers and 180,000 acres of lakes. The clean-up of 50 to 60 Superfund sites caused by metallic sulfide mining will cost U.S. taxpayers \$33 to \$70 billion.

Exxon's lobbyist admits the company cannot provide one example of a sulfide mine in North America which has been closed for 10 years without polluting its surrounding environment. By any scientific or legal standard of proof, the sulfide mining industry has proven it cannot do sulfide mining safely. In fact, all the sulfide mining industry has proven until now is that it CANNOT do a sulfide mining without polluting the surrounding environment.

Exxon's proposed Wolf River mine would be an economic and environmental disaster for Wisconsin's \$6 billion tourist industry.

Wisconsin's Mining Moratorium Bill would halt the permitting of sulfide mines until the industry can prove, by example, that it can do sulfide mining safely. Wisconsin citizens deserve the right to JUST SAY NO! TO EXXON'S EXPERIMENT.

I urge you to support and vote for Wisconsin's sulfide Mining Moratorium Bill SB 3/AB 70 and to use the full authority of your office to help get the bill passed.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Alice McCombs

People have the power to redeem the work of fools.

For Mother Earth. . .

For Humanity. . .

Alice McCombs

Peace

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Buchholz, Marsha**From:** Menominee Nation**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 1997 5:43 PM**To:** Rep.Ainsworth; Boardman, Kristina; Redell, Carol; Rep.Aibers; Demaske, Darcy; Kammer, Peter; Rep.Baldwin; Verveer, Mike; Rep.Baumgart; Eskeitz, Anne; Rep.Black; Jordahl, Harald; Zimmerman, Terri; Rep.Bock; Peacock, Jon; Whitmore, Lori; Rep.Boyle; Keleher, Marylou; Williamson, Holly; Rep.Brancel; Collins, Kristan; Lodes, Amy; Mancl, David; Rep.Brandemuehl; Krause, Sheri; Rep.Carpenter; Williams, Ritch; Loehe, Rex; Rep.Coggs; Rep.Cullen; Essie, Shawn; Rep.Dobyns; Volz, David; Westphal, Jason; Rep.Dueholm; Kickbusch, Deneen; Ramirez, Adrienne; Rep.Duff; Buchholz, Marsha; Prentiss, Mike; Arbiture, Michelle; Hanson, Linda; Jensen, Jodi; Rep.Freese; Griffiths, Terri; Jefferson, Mark; Rep.Gard; Harmelink, Diane; Kussow, Matt; Rep.Goetsch; Riley, Julianne; Vernon, Kent; Rep.Green; Flynn, John; Graul, Mark; Rep.Gronemus; Laabs, Mary; Cross, William; Laabs, Mary; Rep.Grothman; Johansson, Sheri; Krieser, Steve; Rep.Gunderson; Rindfleisch, Kelly; Strategos, Stephanie; Sandra.Lipke@legis.state.wi.us; Bill.Cross@legis.state.wi.us; Keeley.Cook@legis.state.wi.us; Heather.Reed@legis.state.wi.us; Annette.Hicks@legis.state.wi.us; DuWayne.Williams@legis.state.wi.us; Michael.White@legis.state.wi.us; Brian.Casey@legis.state.wi.us; Bob.Richard@legis.state.wi.us; Jennifer.Boese@legis.state.wi.us**Subject:** DNR Secretary Meyer Champion for Mining Industry

For Immediate Release
October 13, 1997

DNR Secretary Meyer Champion for Mining Industry

(Keshena, WI) "The public is being fed a steady diet of misinformation, half-truths and outright deception from the mining industry, courtesy of the DNR," stated Apesanahkwat, Chairman of the Menominee Nation. "I am in total shock that Secretary Meyer, in the position he holds as the state's top protector of the environment, would take an active political role in the legislative process to block a common sense bill which would enhance protection of the state's precious natural resources. Secretary Meyer's comments only reaffirm the need for a sulfide Mining Moratorium."

Responding to the recent request made by WNDNR Secretary George Meyer's to the Legislature to abandon the Mining Moratorium Bill, Apesanahkwat stated, "The Department has been mandated by the state Legislature to protect the environment. Instead, Secretary Meyer has been playing pure politics. Actions Secretary Meyer has taken in the past year demonstrate Meyer's role as advocate for the mining industry in the state's pro-mining administration:

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The Menominee Chairman related another example of how the DNR has treated this volatile issue:

"On September 18th, Phillip Seem, Mining Specialist in the Treaty Rights and Mining Impacts Office, contacted WDNR staff member Larry Lynch to obtain the status of the Department's decision on the Design Management Zone (DMZ), also known as the Tailings Management Area, distance decision. Lynch stated the WDNR had finalized the current draft language for adoption, which included a 1200 ft compliance boundary for both mines and mine waste sites. This is the same recommendation made by the Metallic Mining Council at the September 12th meeting.

Later the same day, Seem and Ken Fish, Director of the Treaty Rights and Mining Impacts, and had a conference call with Bill Tans, WDNR Project Manager for WDNR, regarding the proposed mining groundwater rule changes, particularly the Tailings Management Area distance decision. During this conversation Tans stated that "The DNR is close to a decision , but I am unaware that a final decision has been made." This information was not consistent with statements made by Lynch earlier in the day. After pointing out the discrepancy between WDNR staff, Tans decided to bring Lynch into the conversation. Lynch informed the group that the finalized decision regarding the Tailings Management Area distance had been "put on hold."

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An outraged Apesanahkwat continued, "Given the political role of the DNR as champion for the mining industry, the DNR is remiss in their responsibility to protect citizen's precious resources. Now the people must demand that their Representatives support and vote for the Mining Moratorium Bill, SB 3/AB 70."

"I don't know how long
I'm going to be here
but when I'm gone
I want you people here
to take the fight and continue it
and to not give up
until Exxon is no more."
Hilary J. "Sparky" Waukau, Sr.

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Mr. Conrad Ahrendt

Bill to allow hunting to become a recognized occupation, Alaska as number of available jobs to community can average 5 to 50, system has no reach

REASONABLE Man?

New Storm Water Mgmt Director, application deadline closed May 16, 97, supposed to form working relationship with civic community groups, Mil. B. Adv.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY AUTOMATED MAPPING AND LAND INFORMATION SYSTEM STEERING COMMITTEE

Mr. Thomas D. Patterson, Project Manager
c/o Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

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TO: All Members of the MCAMLIS Steering Committee
FROM: Thomas D. Patterson, MCAMLIS Project Manager
SUBJECT: CANCELLATION OF MEETING

DATE: October 8, 1997

As you know, the MCAMLIS Steering Committee was scheduled to meet on October 14, 1997. In light of the fact that the Wisconsin Land Information Board will meet on October 21, 1997, and may take action that would affect MCAMLIS projects and grant applications, Chairman Reinhard B. Mehsner has determined to cancel the October 14 meeting. As soon as a new meeting date has been scheduled, we will be in contact with you. Thank you for your continued interest in the MCAMLIS program.

X18/MCAMLIS.mtg

Lincoln Creek + Glendale connected, 30th St. Industrial corridor Corp + EPA - Receipt of Contaminated Sites question + burying Brown Fields with 8 ft Berms.

Link to Lemira? Quad Graphics? Drag sewer water across continental divide? Glendale to sell water to other municipalities? Hwy 1000 Govt. Hoper? Government

BLM
Bureau of Land Mgmt - Federal

Gov. Thompson blaming the Beaver for causing water patterns

Mancipal divide? Government

Army Corps Engineers
County Land Sales + Rural Cluster Development
Sept. 1997
EPA contract 68-WY-0041
quantify the impacts of Road Construction on Wetlands
Milw. River Walk, to go up to Green Tree Rd in Glendale - Ni Ave Dam
US-Canada Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909
8 Great Lakes Govs. to meet + Divide in Brook Field

The GAP Analysis due into GIS Grid Oct. 97

Electric Meters - don't know where to lay the utility lines

State Natural Areas plan - SEWRPC

Rural Cluster Devel.

SEWRPC + Automated Builders Consortium

State Bike Path Plan

State Budget

Lincoln Creek Proj + detention

ponds + Urban Renewal

County Land Sales + Rural Cluster Development

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accuracy of satellite mapping to degree of resolutions

MEMORANDUM

Union rep. from
July 1997
out of
Municipal

Abortion Rights Clinic protester
Setbacks + Milw. enclosure policies

conducting + building over reaffirmed

designated navigable waterways

1040 Maricopa Dr.
Oshkosh, WI 54904
Oct. 14, 1997

Representative Marc Duff and members of
the Assembly Environment and Utilities Committee.
State Capitol Bldg.
Madison, WI

RE: Mining moratorium bill (SB 3).

Dear Representatives:

I urge the passage of this bill. It is needed to protect against a major threat to the environmental quality of the Wolf River Watershed. There is a real potential for the long term toxic contamination from the EXXON mine. As the approximately 88 billion pounds of acidic waste leaches out of the 40 million tons of mineral wastes (tailings) the health hazard to the Oshkosh drinking water supply is direct and very dangerous. This is because the holding ponds for the toxic soup will leak, eventually.

The money planners for Exxon - Rio Algom (A.K.A. Crandon Mining Co.) want to pile up the largest waste dump ever built in Wisconsin. The hole in the earth will make a 40 million ton mound of sulfide mine waste (tailing) on 350 acres of what was once good land. The disposal plan requires four 100 acre ponds to contain the chemically tainted water. To unleash this contaminated brew down the Wolf River and into our Winnebago Pool, several possible scenarios could occur. (1) A heavy deluge like 15 inches of rain in a short time could easily wash out one or more of the holding ponds; (2) A tornado could create a devastating waterspout, releasing the toxic waste water; (3) Imagine the damage at this precarious site from even a mild earthquake. (4) There could be other human errors, un-predicted, as well as natural or man-made catastrophes.

This proposed mine will, if built, become a CHEMICAL OUTHOUSE placed in the fragile headwaters of the pristine Wolf River. Both of these corporations have a terrible track record of environmental pollution in nearly every place they have mined. Their legacy is too often a community abandoned and left to struggle with poisoned wells and polluted rivers, lakes, and wetlands.

There is a Federal law requiring our Governor to either approve or to stop anyone from diverting water out of the Great Lakes Watershed. The pipe line to the Wisconsin River does that. This creates a perilous precedent. Why have Mr. George Meyer and Governor Thompson chosen to ignore this important law? Should our leaders be more concerned about the wealth of EXXON, or the health of the citizenry?

Native Americans guarded these natural treasures of the Wolf River Basin for over 8,000 years. They held rice beds, lakes, streams, forests, and all wild creatures sacred to their tribes. Aren't these cathedrals of nature just as sacred to all of us today? This watershed is truly the life-blood for all of its inhabitants.

Because about $\frac{1}{2}$ of the drinking water supply for the people of Oshkosh flows to us via the Wolf River, I have included an Oshkosh City Council resolution and a letter from the Oshkosh City Manager, as both of these items refer to the water quality of the Wolf River. Also included are a cartoon and a map; with both of these last two items pertaining to this same issue.

Pure water is a precious commodity through-out Wisconsin, and watersheds like the Wolf River are crucial sources of it. Please act to protect it.

Yours for planet Earth,
Frank A. Zuern
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City of Oshkosh

April 29, 1997



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Richard A. Wollangk

Mr. George Meyer
Secretary
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
P. O. Box 7921
Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7921

Dear Secretary Meyer:

On April 22, 1997, the Oshkosh Common Council unanimously passed a resolution to encourage watershed protection in the State of Wisconsin. I am enclosing a copy of that resolution.

The City of Oshkosh is particularly interested in protecting the Wolf River, Lake Butte des Morts and the Fox River as they merge to flow through the City of Oshkosh. We were hoping for your support on this issue when reviewing and approving projects brought forth by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

We feel very strongly about watershed protection in our area and in the State of Wisconsin.

Very truly yours,

Richard A. Wollangk
City Manager

RAW/jdc
Enclosure

APRIL 22, 1997

97-158

RESOLUTION

(CARRIED LOST LAID OVER WITHDRAWN)

PURPOSE: ENCOURAGE WATERSHED PROTECTION

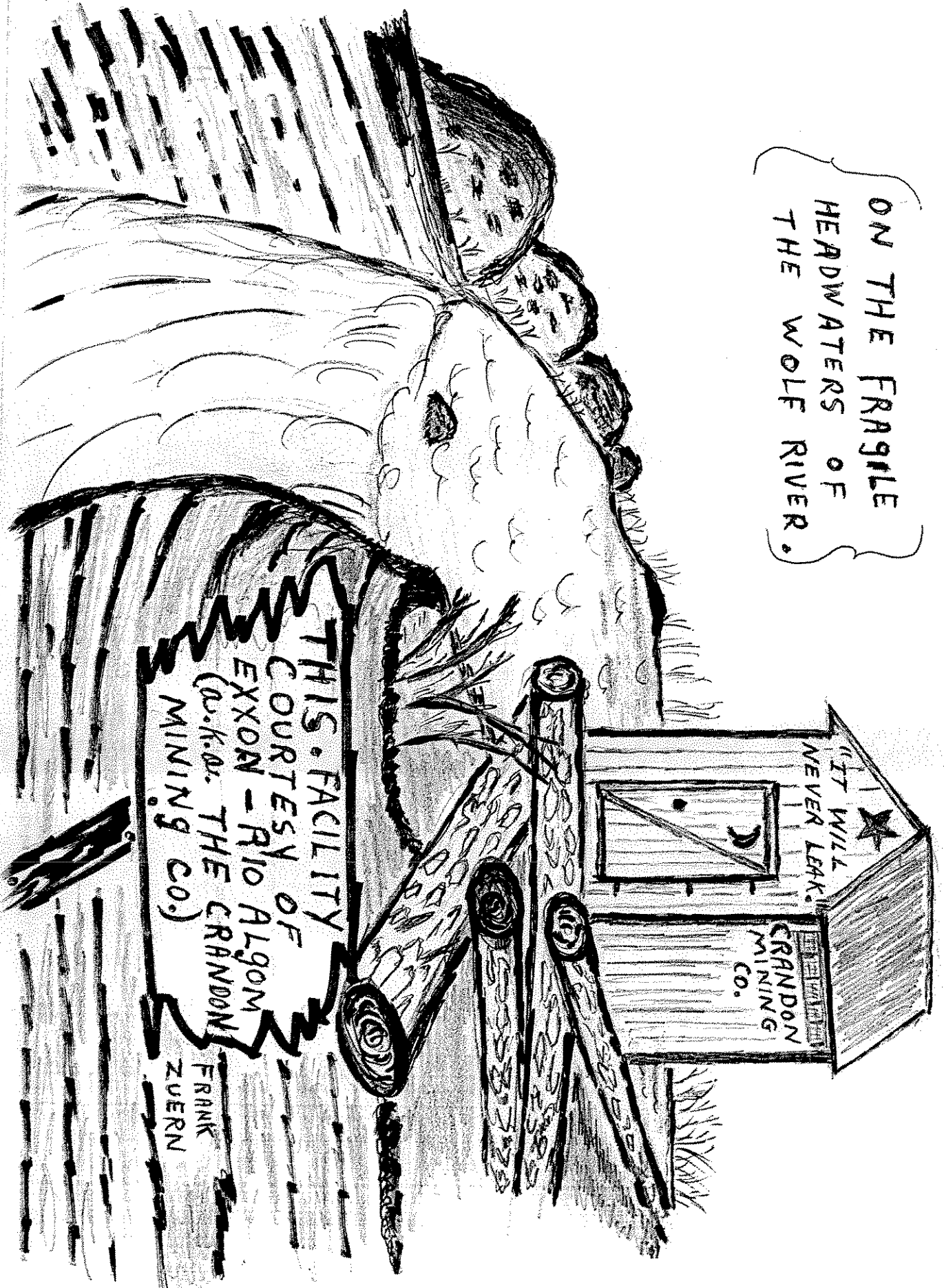
INITIATED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER BLOECHL and CITIZEN

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources reviews and approves many and varied projects that may affect the Wolf River, Lake Butte des Morts and the Fox River as they merge to flow through the City of Oshkosh;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Oshkosh that the Council strongly encourages the Department of Natural Resources, when reviewing and approving such projects, to be vigilant in preserving the water quality of Lake Butte des Morts and the Wolf and Fox Rivers.

THE LARGEST [CHEMICAL] OUTHOUSE
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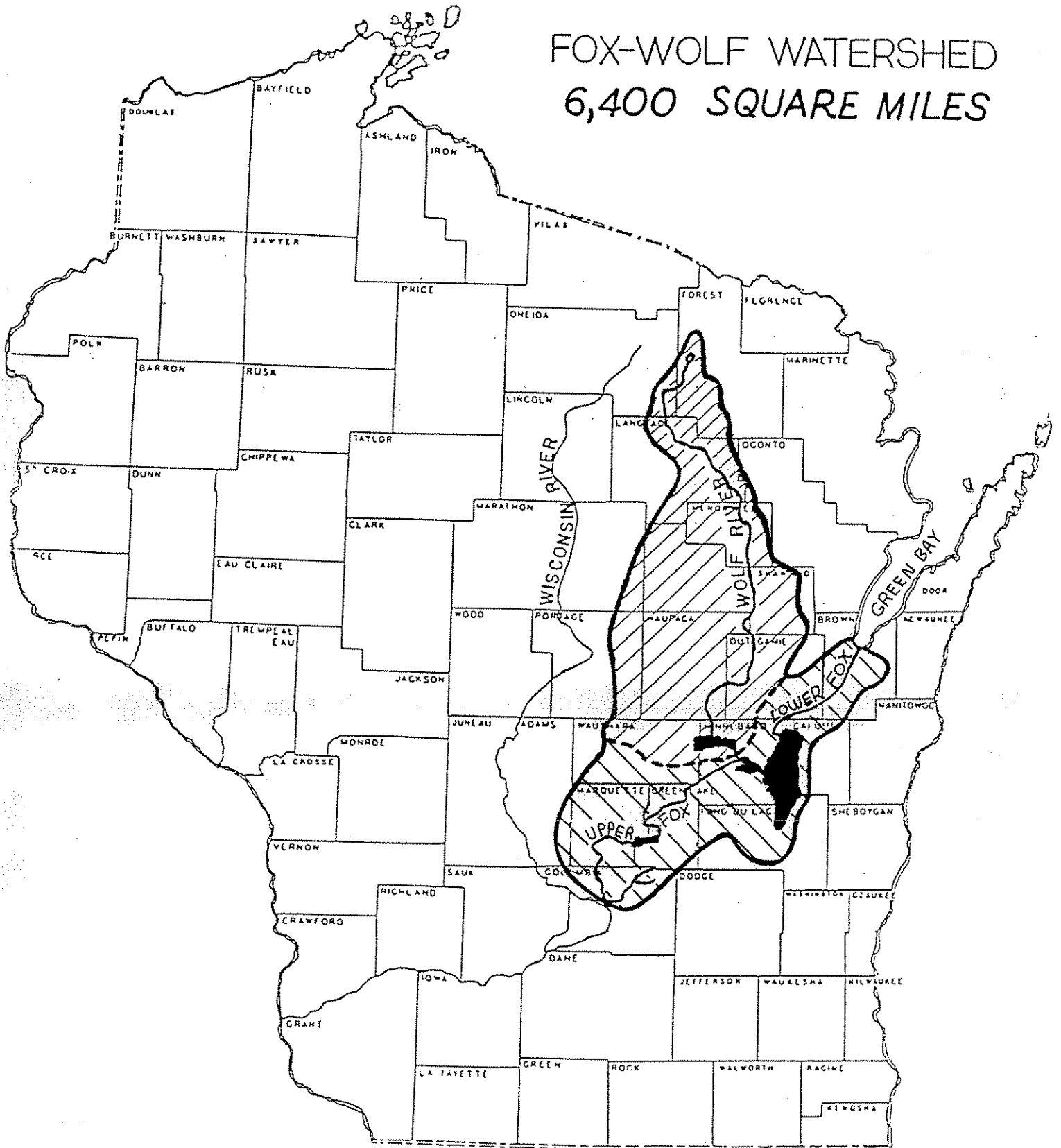
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(a.k.a. THE CRANDON
MINING CO.)

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FOX-WOLF WATERSHED 6,400 SQUARE MILES



**TESTIMONY
IN SUPPORT OF SB 3 AND AB 70
BY A. ROWLAND TODD
FOR THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS
BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 14, 1997**

AARP is the nation's leading organization for people age 50 and older. It serves their needs and interests through information and education, advocacy, and community services provided by a network of local chapters and experienced volunteers.

I represent AARP which has 676,034 members in Wisconsin. AARP supports Senate Bill 3 and Assembly Bill 70.

As one of our members said, "If we don't take care of the environment, we might as well forget about other issues." Environment was the second to health care among the highest concerns of our members in the latest poll we took of AARP membership in Wisconsin.

As I have met with AARP membership groups in various parts of the state, I have found a great deal of concern about the proposed Crandon Copper Mine. They do not understand how a mine can be approved when no similar mine has successfully operated without polluting the water and the land anyplace in the world. They wonder why it is all right to pump waste water from the mine into the Wisconsin River and not into the Wolf River or other rivers. If water from the mine can be pumped through this pipeline into the Wisconsin River, what prevents other wastes from being pumped through that pipeline?

We old-timers remember what we used to tell the mining companies, when they complained about Wisconsin mining regulations. "If they didn't like our mining regulations, they could move their mine to another state."

We urge your support of SB 3 and AB 70, which provides a way to develop mines in Wisconsin while protecting the water and land from pollution.

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TO: Members of the Assembly Committee on the Environment
FROM: LINDA STURWOT
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As an Administrator in healthcare - Quality Management, I'm here today in support of the Mining Moratorium Bill (SB3/AB70).

~~the healthcare ind. is not paying me to be here~~

→ I found it ironic that Rep. Duff's denouncement of the Mining Moratorium Bill in the Sept. 16 Journal Sentinel was followed by a more enlightening editorial by Ms Rice of Jales Corners who reminds us that this disfiguring and disabling disease called breast cancer will claim more than 44,000 lives this year. Breast cancer will ~~be~~ affect 1 out of every 8 women - and Wisconsin has a higher rate of cancer than any other state. Why?

→ We now know that the environment we've altered is ~~harming~~ harming us - and yet certain government officials continue to place special interest ^{dollar signs} ~~signs~~ before the health, safety & welfare of the citizens of Wisconsin.

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In Oct. 1996, with assistance from the Federal Toxic Release Inventory the Wisc. Public Interest Group reported during 1990-1994 businesses in this state dumped more than 2.9 million lbs of toxic substances directly in Wisconsin's waters. That's a lot of liquid but by TRI's own estimate about 90% is not reported because of federal pollution laws requiring businesses to report only 343 of the 72,000 synthetic chemicals used in industry during the period covered.

In 1987 National Geographic pictured a bullhead from the Wisconsin river filled with PCBs and gross tumorous cancer bulges. In Jan, 1997 the Wisc. State Journal reported a group of scientists concluded "lake Michigan the worlds 6th largest freshwater lake is so polluted after decades of dumping by industries that it is polluting the air."

→ The DNR prints a book each year cautioning those who eat fish from Wisconsin waters and recommends reduced consumption.

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Why are the perch in Lake Michigan gone? Why are frogs in Wisc. being born with severe deformities? These are questions you - as leaders of this state should be asking - before inviting Exxon, in Wisc.
 → suicide industry ↳ to do business

The Metallic Mining has a less than stellar reputation for protecting our environment.

The Mining industry spends millions of dollars fighting against ^{any} legislation that is designed to protect the health, safety & welfare of the citizens of our ^{great} nation.

The Coalition for Fair Regulation has indicated they want to "strike a chord with business and people who are fed up with government regulation" and that includes regulation that is meant to protect our air, our water, and our health.

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Crandon Mining Co. says they'll properly regulate their operation. But as you know, human error and obscure private interests or improper regulatory oversight can render any technology ineffective.

This year four of my co-workers were diagnosed with cancer.

Scientists are now on the border ^{of} ~~of hope~~ ^{exploring} ~~the~~ ^{the environmental link} ~~as the~~ ^{cause} of this terrible disease. Why not clean up Wisconsin waters first before you hand the keys to Exxon and their UNPROVEN technology.

As Anishinabe activist Winona LaDuke said "laws made by nations, states, and municipalities are inferior to supreme law — and should be treated as such; that is the experience of sustainability."

Please Replace private interest dollar-signs
with healthy vital signs

Thank you!

Linda Sturnot

Jina M. Meisner
1519 Chatham St.
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10/14/97

My name is Jina Meisner and I am here to show my support of the Mining Moratorium Bill. Wisconsin's waters need to be protected. Our primary drinking water resources come from the head waters of the Wolf River. The Crandall Mining Co. does not care about Wisconsin. They will come in and rape our land of its precious resources and then leave Wisconsin to die. The Wisconsin Residents will be the ones to suffer, we will be left here to clean up their toxic waste mess. This mine will cause a toxic waste dump the size of 350 football fields, the largest ever in Wisconsin. How can we allow this to happen? We have to allow the Mining Moratorium Bill to pass in the present form. Wisconsin's livelihood depends on it. With the rivers of Wisconsin polluted by this mine all the wildlife and nature will be destroyed. The current laws and regulations of mining are not good enough to protect the waters. These companies have ways to manipulate the laws. Please pass the Mining Moratorium Bill to help Wisconsin.

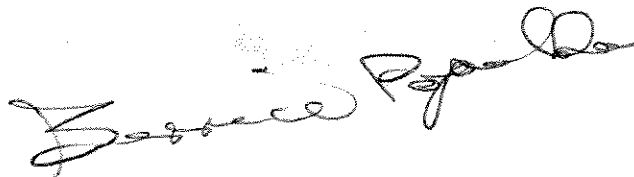
TESTIMONY AT MINING MORATORIUM HEARING
WI State Fair Pk, Trade Mart Building
á 1 p.m., Tues., October 14, 1997

My name is Bernice Popelka, and I am from Glendale, WI. I am representing the Board of United for Diversity, Inc.

United For Diversity is a non-partisan faith-based organization of Unitarian Universalists and Friends who are concerned about the policy direction being taken by our local, state, and federal elected officials. A progressive, pro-community organization, we are dedicated to grassroots political action with a positive pro-active emphasis.

One of our issues of concern is the environment. The Board members of United For Diversity feel this bill will go a long way in compensating for current WI mining laws and DNR regulations that have too many loopholes and do not adequately protect WI's taxpayers and the environment from mining pollution and clean-up costs.

Please pass this very important bill.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bernice Popelka". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the page.

CLARA R. ANDERSON

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LA CROSSE COUNTY

DEAR ASSEMBLY ENVIROMENTAL COMMITTEE

I'M IN FAVOR OF AB 70 BECAUSE I HAVE EXPERIENCED IN THE PAST WITH COAL STRIP MINING DOWN IN THE APPALACHIAN MOUNTAINS. THE LAND WILL NEVER BE RECLAIMED TO IT'S ORIGINAL CONDITION. THE GOVERNMENT HAD OUR TREE SERVICE PLANT SHRUBBERY ON THE LOCATION WHICH HAD NO SOIL TO SUPPORT LIFE. I BELIEVE IT WAS A WASTE OF TAXPAYERS MONEY AND THE LOST OF SUCH BEAUTIFUL LAND THAT DID NOT BELONG TO ANY OF US, INCLUDING THE LANDOWNERS BECAUSE WE ARE JUST LEASING THE LAND FROM GOD AND OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS. THIS GIVES A CHANCE FOR OUR LAND AND WATER TO BE DESTROYED JUST LIKE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD. THINK ABOUT THE CHILDREN AND THEIR HEALTH AND WELL BEING BEFORE MAKING A DECISION. I HAVE 3 BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTERS AND I WOULD LIKE THEM TO BE ABLE TO LIVE IN A CLEAN ENVIROMENT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Clara R. Anderson

CLARA R. ANDERSON.

My name is Judy Rollin. I've been a resident of the state of Wisconsin all of my 51 years. I'm a property owner here in Milwaukee County, and the Town of Nashville lets me pay taxes on a beautiful site on a beautiful little lake less than a mile from the Tailings Ponds of Exxon's proposed mine. I'm here to tell you one thing.

I don't have to tell you that the Tailings Ponds will leak. Your own engineers have already told you that. Hydrologists will tell you where and when the acid waste from the mine and the ponds will become part of the ground and surface water. Geologists will tell you about rock riddled with fault lines.

I don't have to tell you about a governor and his partner who removed the people's watchdog- the Public Intervenor. Any student of political history can tell you about the systematic weakening of mining law here.

Native Peoples can tell you about the attempted theft of a culture, not just a food source. Economists can tell you about greed, not about work. The Tourist Industry will tell you about its eventual demise. Hunters and Fishers will tell you that they want healthy unpoisoned prey, and uncontaminated quiet woodland and stream.

Travellers from around the United States can tell you what sulfide mining has left elsewhere. Its destruction can't be fixed- not by any politically-motivated legislation or contingency funds into perpetuity. Clean water cannot be replaced! Dumping filth into another basin, or trading "credits" as if there were ANY right to pollute, defies common sense, as does everything else that Exxon has been allowed to date.

And that's what I'm here to tell you. The Mining Moratorium Bill is about common sense. Use your common sense and pass this bill. What is the rush, except to the greedy? Use your common sense and pass this bill so that if there ever is the technology to mine in our irreplaceable North, that it is done safely. Use your common sense.

Judith M. Rollin
6113 Thorncrest Dr.
Greendale, WI 53129

Judith M. Rollin
10/14/97

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To Environmental Committee,

My name is EMILY MASON and I live in Blain Wisconsin with my Parents while my Husband, CORY is serving our Country in the United States Marine Corp. He is serving his country in OKINAWA for one year. While he is defending Democracy over there I feel it is my responsibility to do my part back home here. My Parents have taught me the importance of protecting our earth and the people on it. There is no doubt Sulfide Mining should not be allowed because of unproven technology. I feel the risk of destroying our water is too great. Therefore I support AB-70 the Mining Moratorium Bill and pray you will also.

Thankyou

Emily Mason

October 13, 1997

My name is Victor Bellomy, I'm from the Town of Nashville in Forest County and I'm representing People for Wisconsin, Northwoods Chapter.

Just say no to the Mining Moratorium Bill.

In Forest County, we have the potential for economic prosperity. Let us pursue the American dream through hard work without outside intervention from these environmental extremists.

This is our backyard. Let us play out our roll in this venture of our dreams for a better life style. Commonly known as Americanism—where our children stay home after graduating from the educational institutions and their expertise can be employed in our community without losing their heritage—rather than leaving their hometown to seek employment.

Now comes Mr. Spencer Black, a former conservation representative, ~~Sierra Club~~ Sierra Club (this information is in the Wisconsin Blue Book) with his Mining Moratorium Bill. Most folks never gave it a second thought until our State Senators passed this outrageous monster by a vote of 29-3. I'm sure our own Senator, Mr. Breske, didn't realize the hornets nest he was shaking by voting for this bill.

How can anyone be against industrial development? Is not industry the backbone of the world economy? For without industry we would still be living in caves, feature this for one slight moment. Look around and see the advantage of industry then ask yourself where would we be without it?

The Crandon Mine is our key to future economic prosperity and well being of our County and Township.

I worked in Kellogg, Idaho where three sulfide mines were in operation at the same time, the Page Mine, the Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mine plus a smelter and the Sunshine Mine. These mines and a smelter were within a five mile radius of each other and only about four miles from the North Fork River, where one could catch trout 18-20 inches long. These rivers were not drained dry, nor was Rose Lake affected by the mines. Lake Couer D'Alene and Lake Pend Oreille were never infected with any contaminants.

Now stop and consider the 12 barrels of human waste left on the banks of our beautiful Wolf River in Langlade County by a group of animal like creatures having no regards for our northwoods environment.

Who are the environmental polluters, Exxon with the multimillion dollar recycling water purification plants or the folks with septic systems out of date and overflowing into our lakes or the animal like creatures leaving barrels of excrement on the banks of our rivers?

We are begging you, our representatives, to kill this bill in the assembly.

Thank You,

Victor Bellomy

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Northwood Chapter People for Wisconsin

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October 7, 1997

Chair Assembly Environment Committee
Marc Duff
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Dear Chair Marc Duff:

I am unable to attend the hearing at the State Fair Park on October 14, 1997. I would like to register in support of the Mining Moratorium Bill.

I don't understand how your committee would let a company like Exxon, a company that has left behind environmental problems in its wake and is not worthy of doing business in Wisconsin, dig a copper and zinc mine in Wisconsin.

Recently, I made the choice to give up my car and become a one car family because I wanted to rely less on petroleum products and metals. I realize there are many areas of my life that I use copper and zinc. But I also realize that if the price of these metals go up because the miners stuck to strict environmental regulations and responsibility, it is worth the price.

Exxon has not been a responsible miner and **SHOULD NOT** be allowed to mess up Wisconsin.

I think that we must learn to think bigger than the here and now. Sure, a mine might mean jobs now, but what will it mean tomorrow? Lost jobs for the tourist industry around the Wolf? Another river that will not be available for your children and your grandchildren to enjoy. Another Wisconsin community having to buy drinking water from somewhere else? Where will be "somewhere else" when we keep polluting new places?

The fact is, according to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, no sulfide mine in a similar ore body has ever operated without polluting ground and surface waters. Nationwide, over 500,000 mining sites are contaminated and 52 of these are on the National Superfund Cleanup list.

I ask you to not take the short-sighted view. Please don't sell out your vote on this one. Vote to save the Wolf and Wisconsin Rivers. Vote to pass the Mining Moratorium Bill.

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My name is Lorrie Greco. It is my privilege to represent the League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County. We support Senate Bill 3/Assembly Bill 70, the Mining Moratorium Bill, and we urge this committee to recommend its passage. 4 League positions underlie our support for this bill:

1. Resources need to be conserved and protected to ensure their future availability. This requires stewardship and long-range planning, with responsibility being shared by all levels of government.
2. We must provide maximum protection of public health and the environment, by reducing the waste stream, recycling, and by ensuring the safe treatment, storage and disposal of all waste.
3. Government needs to be responsive to the will of the citizens. It should promote the conservation and development of natural resources **in the public interest**.
4. Finally, we need to improve and protect water quality by planning and managing water resources to meet local and regional needs and the national interest.

Sulfide mining has been shown, without a doubt, to degrade water quality and life-supporting ecosystems. In many cases, sulfide ore mining has severely and irreversibly polluted significant waterways. Under current Wisconsin regulations, dangerous sulfide mining projects like the proposed Crandon mine at the headwaters of the Wolf River could be permitted by the DNR. The Mining Moratorium Bill reduces the risk of such a dangerous mine being operated in Wisconsin.

Clean water may soon be more valuable than even the most profitable mine. Because Wisconsin is blessed with abundant water, this may give us great economic advantage compared with areas of the country having less water. So, we need to maintain the quality of our water for this reason and for the sake of our tourism industry and for all the citizens who use it for relaxation and recreation.

Recently, some mining companies have developed new technologies that they say will bring us cleaner mining. We are asked to accept these new technologies based on computer models funded by mining interests. These computer models may project the effects of a mining operation, or they may not. There are no guarantees.

Wisconsin citizens need more than words of reassurance. When I interview for a job, I am asked for a job history which demonstrates related work experience, appropriate skills, dependability, reliability, etc. So, if I have a record of leaving companies in shambles, should they hire me if I agree to put money into a trust fund just in case I cause a disaster for the company? Would it not be a more responsible policy for the company to say, "Come back when you can show us a positive recent work history?"

Development and jobs do give a lift to a local economy, but, as we have seen so often, such gains are temporary. Who will suffer, and who will pay in 5, 10 or 15 years? Who will bear the burden of cleaning up our polluted waterways, our wild rice beds, the damage to our fish, our birds, and even to our own bodies? Preventing pollution is far more responsible environmental public policy than expensive and often futile attempts to clean it up.

We feel confident that you, our elected representatives, will hear us and provide Wisconsin with the means to manage our precious natural resources wisely. The League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County urges you to pass Senate Bill 3/ Assembly Bill 70, The Mining Moratorium Bill.

Thank you for this opportunity to be heard.

I whole heartedly support the mining moratorium bill sponsored by Rep. Spencer Black

Sept. 23, 1997

Roscoe Churchill

To the Editor:

I recently read Al Christiansons article about what wonderful things the Flambeau Mine did for Rusk County and Ladysmith. Al is the administrator for the City of Ladysmith. I just had no choice but to respond.

There are several important features that Al did not talk about that he should have.

Al stated that the total mining tax revenues to Ladysmith, the Town of Grant and Rusk County was about four million dollars through 1999. He didn't mention that Flambeau Mining Company took out seven hundred fifty million dollars worth of ore from the mine in the Town of Grant which was shipped to Timmons, Ontario.

When Al talks about \$25 million in public and private investments being mine-stimulated projects we must remember these are just Al's figures. Al takes a lot of credit for his planning. One can't help but wonder why Al pushes so hard for the mining interests.

Al didn't mention that Rusk County's unemployment rate escalated after mining started. Shortly after mining began in 1993 Rusk County had the dubious honor of ranking first or second in unemployment of the counties in Wisconsin. So much for mining employment.

Al didn't mention that from the \$750 Million worth of ore removed to Canada that the total mining tax revenue was about \$20 million. It doesn't take a mathematician to figure out how little the people of Wisconsin really benefitted from the Flambeau Mine and how much the British Rio Tinto Zinc gained from the Town of Grant deposit. The actual tax rate would have been just over one quarter of one percent of the value of the ore.

If Wisconsin would have had a mining tax similar to the 1973 Montana mining tax on coal, Wisconsin would have collected around \$100 million, not \$20 million in taxes.

Al didn't mention that just shortly before Flambeau Mining Company made its "gift" for a new library that it had asked permission from the D.N.R. to speed up its project from five years to four years. According to a D.N.R. report published in the Ladysmith News this change would cost Rusk County, the Town of Grant and Ladysmith about one million dollars in lost tax money and wages. There was instant reaction to the proposal. Those of us who were watching the project felt the donation for the library was the mining company's way to try to stop criticism. The D.N.R. all too willingly allowed the speed up of the project.

Al talks about 70 people in family supporting jobs. I

don't know where Al got his figures, but when the mining company was beginning its closing process it was looking for only 20 plus jobs for those who would be out of work. I wonder what Al's interpretation of family supporting jobs is. He doesn't say just how high paying those jobs were. Anyway those jobs no longer exist and the ore is gone and the waste rock is being pushed back into the mine pit which is unlined.

Maybe the water was clean while the waste water plant was in operation. Who knows what will happen when the filled-in pit becomes saturated with the groundwater flowing into the pit and out into the Flambeau River. Al doesn't talk about this.

There is no mention in Al's article that the waste rock now contains all the impurities that the waste water treatment removed from the waste water. That toxic material will end up in the unlined pit. Lime will be added to the waste rock but how long it will be effective is strictly guesswork. Maybe Al could tell us!

Also, Al didn't mention that if the City of Ladysmith and Rusk County take possession of the closed mine area that there is always the problem of who will be held responsible if pollution or contamination occur. There has never been anywhere in the world a closed-up copper mine that didn't eventually pollute. Why will this be different? It may take a few years but unless the Flambeau Mine is extremely different from other metal mines it will pollute.

There was no mention that should the city and county develop the former mine area with maybe a golf course that Rio Tinto Zinc still holds the mineral rights and that the ore body was only partially mined out, the mining company could move back in and start the whole mining mess over again. All that would be needed would be a rise in copper prices.

Probably the most insidious aspect of the Flambeau Mine was how the wishes of the people of the Town of Grant were ignored. Mining rules and regulations were bent and changed so the State Department of Natural Resources and the Regulatory System could grant a permit to mine even though a majority of the people of the Town of Grant had spoken loud and clear that they didn't want the mine. The social fabric of this area was ripped apart so mining could proceed. I doubt that there will be much reconciliation for a long time.

If Al and his cohorts have been able to take the pittance that Rio Tinto Zinc handed back to this area and try to make up for the loss of \$750 million in metal ore by shoring up local businesses and coaxing new ones to settle here that's well and

good. However, there is no question about it- "we was robbed".

There is one more important point to consider-The mine closed this year 1997, Rusk County and two of its major school systems are now freshly in debt for nearly \$13 million. The mine is closed, the ore is gone. To whom do we turn for tax relief?

Sincerely,

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