

**BILL PROVIDING FOR PROHIBITIONS ON CERTAIN
ACTIVITIES BY LARGE METALLIC MINERAL MINING OPERATIONS**

This bill imposes five prohibitions on new large scale metallic mineral mining operations in Alaska. The bill bars such a mining operation from releasing any amount of toxic pollutant into water that is used for drinking water or by salmon. The bill bars such a mining operation from storing mining wastes and tailings that could release sulfuric acid, dissolved metals or chemicals. Finally, the bill bars such a mining operation from storing mining wastes and tailings within 1000 feet of any river, stream, lake, or tributary that is used for drinking water or by salmon. The bill defines a large scale metallic mineral mining operation to mean a metallic mineral mining operation that is in excess of 640 acres in size. The bill defines toxic pollutants to include substances that will cause death and disease in humans and fish, and includes a list of substances identified as toxic pollutants under federal law.

Should this initiative become law?