



## MiWater Petition Summary Language

A proposal to amend Part 632 (Nonferrous Metallic Mineral Mining) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, MCL 324.63201 et seq, by adding Section 63206 to: (1) prohibit uranium mining and processing until new rules have been established to protect against the special risks associated with those activities; (2) require a mining area to be located more than 2,000 feet away from any water body unless it is proven that the mining operations will not cause any injury to groundwater or water bodies; (3) require a permit applicant to provide a regional ground water and surface water analysis to enable an assessment of all potential impacts to groundwater and surface waters from the proposed mining operations; (4) require a permit applicant to show that another mine in the United States or Canada: (a) is similar to the applicant's proposed mine in all relevant ways, and (b) operated for at least 5 years and has not harmed natural resources or caused any exceedance of applicable environmental criteria for at least 10 years after closure; and (5) prescribe additional requirements for reporting, notification, permit review, permit amendments, and enforcement. This proposal is to be voted on at the November 2, 2010 General Election.

