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Comments: I am not a proponent of NIMBY nor do I consider myself a tree hugger. I believe strongly in capital investment to extract resources even on public land. However, I have questions.

Is the tax payer going to get a portion of the profit from the enterprise? Has a company posted a bond to cover the cost of reclamation in the case of a spill? What does the company plan to do with the waste from the new activity?

Finally, why does the taxpayer have to pay for restoration of the site? I would think our share of the profits would be applied to that. Certainly, if it were my private land I would ask the same questions.

I am a member of the ICL, and I appreciate their facilitating this comment. The opinions are my own, though. I pay attention to conservation and environmental issues and consider them when making political decisions.