

Resolution on Regulating Mine Effluent

WHEREAS Great Lakes United is concerned with water quality and the health of aquatic ecosystems in the Great Lakes basin; and

WHEREAS waste water from the mine and the waste rocks and tailings (finely ground rock left over from milling the ore pulled from the mine) contain toxic metals and chemicals, such as copper, cadmium, arsenic, lead, cyanide, and zinc; and

WHEREAS federal, territorial, state and provincial governments have laws and regulations to limit the amount of pollution allowed, but the regulations are frequently not protective enough or are not enforced; and

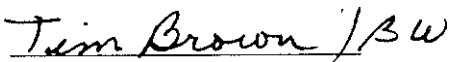
WHEREAS the Metal Mining Liquid Effluent Regulation under the Canadian Fisheries Act has been under review for 8 years, and is expected to be reviewed by the Cabinet in the near future; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has expressed a commitment to pollution prevention and the virtual elimination of toxic substances;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Great Lakes United, in concert with its member groups, will exert pressure upon the federal government of Canada to ensure that the following elements are in place prior to passing the revised regulation into law:

- Acute lethality tests based on both rainbow trout and *Daphnia magna*
- Lowered limits for pollutants on the MMLER list of substances
- A legal link between the Environmental Effects Monitoring Program and the regulation
- A national toxicity registry to give Canadians access to important monitoring information

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION
ADOPTED AT THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF GREAT LAKES
UNITED ON JUNE 4, 2000.


Tim Brown, Secretary