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H. R. 1844

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to prevent acid mine drainage into the Great Lakes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STUPAK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

4 The purpose of this Act is to protect the water quality
5 of the Great Lakes from the harmful effects of acid mine
6 drainage.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION**
2 **SYSTEM.**

3 Section 402 of the Federal Water Pollution Control
4 Act (33 U.S.C. 1342) is amended by adding at the end
5 the following:

6 “(r) DISCHARGES FROM MINING SULFIDE ORE BOD-
7 IES.—

8 “(1) PERMIT REQUIREMENT.—No permit may
9 be issued under this section for a discharge associ-
10 ated with the mining of a sulfide ore body within 20
11 miles of any of the Great Lakes unless the applicant
12 for the permit demonstrates to the satisfaction of
13 the Administrator (or the State in the case of a per-
14 mit program approved under this section) that the
15 mining activity will not result in acid mine drainage
16 into the Great Lakes.

17 “(2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection, the fol-
18 lowing definitions apply:

19 “(A) GREAT LAKES DEFINED.—The term
20 ‘Great Lakes’ has the meaning given that term
21 by section 118(a)(3).

22 “(B) SULFIDE ORE BODY.—The term ‘sul-
23 fide ore body’ means a mineral deposit in which
24 metals are mixed with sulfide minerals.”.

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