

## Callahan Cleanup Costs Top \$8 Million

The Callahan Mine in Brooksville was closed more than 40 years ago, yet Maine taxpayers continue to pay cleanup costs for this ill-fated mine. The mine owner is long gone. The mine is a Superfund site. Appropriations have been made through the Maine Department of Transportation budget, starting in FY 2004. The LePage Administration budget request includes \$1.65 million for the next two years. Total cleanup costs were projected to be \$23 million, but are likely to be much higher. These mounting costs should serve as a warning to Maine lawmakers and the public about the potential long-term fiscal and environmental risks posed by mineral mining in Maine.

<b>Callahan Mine Site Restoration Costs to Maine: FY 2004-2016</b>				
<i><b>FY</b></i>	<i><b>Bill Type</b></i>	<i><b>Bill Title</b></i>	<i><b>Session</b></i>	<i><b>Amount (\$)</b></i>
2004	Supplemental Appropriations	L.D. 508	122nd	750,000
2005	Supplemental Appropriations	L.D. 1677	122nd	256,266
2005	Additional Allocations	L.D. 1974	122nd	500,000
2006	Supplemental Appropriations	L.D. 1677	122nd	256,266
2006	Additional Allocations	L.D. 1974	122nd	500,000
2006	Supplemental Appropriations	L.D. 215	123rd	1,000,000
2007	Regular Appropriations	L.D. 781	123rd	100,000
2007	Supplemental Appropriations	L.D. 2196	123rd	400,000
2008	Regular Appropriations	L.D. 781	123rd	100,000
2008	Supplemental Appropriations	L.D. 2196	123rd	350,000
2008	Supplemental Appropriations	L.D. 61	124th	200,000
2009	Regular Appropriations	L.D. 333	124th	520,000
2010	Regular Appropriations	L.D. 333	124th	20,000
2010	Regular Appropriations	L.D. 1043	125th	500,000
2011	Regular Appropriations	L.D. 1348	125th	500,000
2012	Regular Appropriations	L.D. 1348	125th	10,000
2013	Regular Appropriations	L.D. 1480	126th	250,000
2013	Supplemental Appropriations	L.D. 1843	126th	135,000
2014	Regular Appropriations	L.D. 1480	126th	10,000
2015	Regular Appropriations <b>REQUEST</b>		127th	900,000
2016	Regular Appropriations <b>REQUEST</b>		127th	750,000
			<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>8,007,532</b>

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