

Wisconsin Way Mining Reform Act

Responsible Mining Requires Responsible Mining Laws

Provides Certainty and Predictability in Ferrous Mining Permit Process

- Creates a reasonable timeline with a defined end date for the DNR and the company to complete a mining permit.
- Creates a flexible process with off ramps that allow the DNR and the applicant to pause the timeline to address concerns as they arise.
- Promotes collaboration with both state and federal regulators.
- Streamlines the prospecting permit process.

Protects the public's right to participate in the permitting process

- Streamlines the contest case process that will maintain the public's voice.
- Maintains opportunities under current law for citizens to participate in the permit process.

Protects local taxpayers without increasing the overall tax burden for mining companies.

- Requires \$5 million in up front, guaranteed payments in lieu of property taxes to local communities during the first five years of operation.
- Ensures that the mining company will not have to pay more in taxes than under current law over the life of the mine.
- 100% of the funding would go to the area impacted by the mine.
 - 70% for direct payments to offset the costs to taxpayers.
 - 20% for a fund to help create a diversification program similar to Minnesota and provides for catastrophic abatement.
 - 10% to help offset transportation infrastructure costs.

Bipartisan proposal that strikes a balance between job creation and environmental regulations

- Preserves existing environmental policies that protect our natural resources and our way of life.

Assures that the company will pay the costs of the permit

- The applicant will pay the full cost of the EIS.
- The applicant will pay for DNR staff associated with a mining permit up to \$2 million.

Maximizes collaboration with state, federal, tribal and local governments.

- If mitigation is necessary and the damaged wetlands are within ceded territory as established by the treaties of 1837 and 1842, then any new project must occur within ceded territory.
- Safeguards process for DNR and the Army Corps of Engineers to work together on mining permits.