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Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2026 5:22 PM
To: Miller, Christopher S
Cc: Burgos, Alexander N
Subject: [External] Request to Speak August 27, 2026-Mining Rules

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Attorney Miller:

This email is a request to speak in opposition to the proposed Mining Rules at the August 27 Rules Review Commission Board meeting.

I intend to attend in person.

Dr. Jean Spooner

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Thanks for Supporting William B. Umstead State Park!

Dr. Jean Spooner, Chair
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Subject: FW: [External] Written Public Comment for proposed Mining Rule changes

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Good afternoon,

Please confirm that this email and the attachment are given to the Rules Committee.

While the first page may look similar to an earlier submission, the attachment actually contains two comments.

Unfortunately, due to work, I have not been able to write any additional comments.

But I will take the last few minutes of the day to say a few thoughts...

NC has one of the weakest Mining Laws in the country. As such, we need be sure that the Rules do not make the Law even weaker.

Personally, I am all for property rights. But I also feel strongly about being respectful to one's neighbor. The Mining Law and Rules have captured the attention of many people from both sides of the isle. This is an issue which actually brings people together – Republican and Democrat. Of the many people I know, I can say that people are not against mines in general. But there are some places where mines are not appropriate – like directly adjacent to two NC State Park entities on land deeded to the public and deemed critical for the State Park – next to where children play. Nobody is looking to stop mining, but as the Good Lord is my witness, I have seen and heard a certain mining company using the weakness in the Law and current Rules, along with the ancient and outdated, 30 year old Surface Mining Manual, to get their way at the expense of the public and public resources. It is not an environmental thing – it is a company taking advantage of weak policy.

I urge you to reject the rules as documented in the many public comments.

I do plan to give a verbal public comment.

Thank you,

-Natalie

Submitted at 4:55pm EST
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