

DIGGING UP A LEGISLATIVE HISTORY MINING LAW IN BRITISH COLUMBIA 1856-2017

One day of student research: 160 years of history

introduced with

amendments to exempt mine

operators from

certain water

2016

Mining Code

updated to

tailings storage facilities (TSFs)

subsequent

environmental

assessment

OLLAPSE OF THE MOUNT

OLLEY MINE'S TAILINGS

EPOSITED APPROXIMATE

MILLION CUBIC METRES OF

WASTEWATER AND TAILINGS

NTO QUESNEL LAKE

STORAGE FACILITY

tamendments

NYOX SMELTER

mining activities

2008

Revenue sharing

policy introduced

sharing of revenue

from mining with

First Nations

to facilitate

For over 160 years, mining activity has impacted British Columbia's environment. This timeline was developed to show how colonial laws related to mining in BC have evolved, or stayed the same. It does not capture ever legislative change or every major mining contamination event in BC, but it does provide an overview of the major changes in legislation. Its structure tells a factual and readable story for anyone interested in the changing nature of regulatory oversight of the mining sector in British Columbia

Law students from the University of Victoria, University of British Columbia, and Thompson Rivers University provided a large portion of the information in this timeline through their participation in a "Research-a-thon" o Feb 2, 2018, organized by the Environmental Law Club and Environmental Law Centre at the University of Victori report, which provided the content for this timeline representation

As an introductory tool for understanding the many twists and turns in BC's legislative history related to mining, the timeline may also reveal opportunities to improve how the province's mining industry is regulated in order to ensure the air, water, and land that we share can remain healthy for future generations.

