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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 13:1J-1 (Uranium mining--moratorium--
make permanent)

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Bill No: S1841

Sponsor(s): Dorsey

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Committee: Assembly: Environmental Quality
Senate: Energy and Environment

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asterisks

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Senate: Yes

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974.90 Exploration/mining/milling of fissionable source material: a report to
N284 Governor Kean. May, 1987. Trenton, 1987.
1987

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SENATE, No. 1841

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1988 SESSION

By Senator DORSEY

1 AN ACT concerning uranium mining and amending P.L.1981,
c.130 (C.13:1J-1 et seq.).

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BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
5 *State of New Jersey:*

7 1. Section 1 of P.L.1981, c.130 (C.13:1J-1) is amended to
read as follows:

9 1. The Legislature finds and declares that the exploration,
11 mining or milling of fissionable source materials poses a
13 significant danger to the public health, safety and welfare; that
15 the hazards associated with these activities cannot now be
17 prevented or satisfactorily minimized; that, therefore,
unprecedented caution is needed in determining public policy
pertaining to the exploration, mining and milling of fissionable
source materials; and that the prohibition of these activities is
necessary at this time to insure the protection of the public
health, safety and welfare; and that, during this prohibition, the
Department of Environmental Protection should further study
this issue and make recommendations for appropriate actions as
hereinafter provided].¹

21 (cf: P.L.1981, c.130, s.1)

23 ¹[1.] 2.¹ Section 7 of P.L.1981, c.130 is amended to read as
follows:

25 7. This act shall take effect immediately [and shall expire 7
years from the date of enactment thereof].

(cf: P.L.1981, c.130, s.7)

27 3. Section 5 of P.L.1981, c.130 (C.13:1J-5) is repealed.¹

29 ¹[2.] 4.¹ This act shall take effect immediately.

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ENVIRONMENT

Hazardous Substance

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Makes the uranium mining moratorium permanent.

EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the
above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly AEQ committee amendments adopted April 24, 1989.

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9 (cf. P.L. 1981, c. 130, s. 7).
2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

15 This bill eliminates the sunset provision for the moratorium on
the extraction, milling or processing of fissionable source
17 materials, e.g. uranium, in this State. A permanent mining
prohibition is necessary to protect the public health, safety and
19 welfare.

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ASSEMBLY ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1841

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 13, 1989

Senate Bill No. 1841, as amended, is reported favorably by the Assembly Environmental Quality Committee.

This bill makes permanent the temporary State prohibition against the mining or milling of fissionable source materials.

The temporary prohibition or moratorium was adopted in 1981 upon the enactment of P.L.1981, c.130, which is amended by this bill. The moratorium on mining and milling was adopted in order to afford the Department of Environmental Protection the opportunity to study the dangers posed to public health, safety and welfare by the exploration, mining or processing of fissionable source materials. The report, which was submitted to the Governor and the Legislature in 1987, recommended adoption of a permanent prohibition. Under existing law, the moratorium expired on May 4, 1988.

The committee amendments are purely of a technical nature.

This bill, as amended, is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3620 (1R).

SENATE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1841

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 21, 1988

The Senate Energy and Environment Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No 1841.

This bill would make permanent the 7 year moratorium on the extraction, milling, or processing of uranium in this State which was established in 1981 by P.L. 1981, c. 130. P.L. 1981, c. 130 also required the Department of Environmental Protection to prepare, within six years, a report on the environmental and public health aspects of uranium mining and on the advisability of making the temporary moratorium permanent. The department submitted this report to the Governor and the Legislature in May, 1987, and recommended making the moratorium permanent. The seven year moratorium established in 1981 will expire on May 4, 1988.