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In Senate, February 24, 2009

An Act To Require Semiannual Testing in Certain Gravel Pits

Reference to the Committee on Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BOWMAN of York.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §490-G**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 700, §27, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **§490-G. Inspections**

5 The regulator may periodically inspect a site, may examine relevant records of the
6 owner or operator and may take samples and perform tests necessary to determine
7 compliance with the provisions of this article. In addition, the regulator shall biannually
8 perform tests at each site to determine the presence of toxic substances in the soil, air and
9 waters surrounding the site. The regulator shall publish the results of the biannual tests
10 on the department's publicly accessible website and shall submit the results to the
11 municipality in which the site is located.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection to biannually perform
14 tests at each gravel pit to determine the presence of toxic substances in the soil, air and
15 waters surrounding the site. It also requires the department to publish the results of the
16 tests on the department's publicly accessible website and to submit the results to the
17 municipality in which the site is located.