

Informal Working Group on the protection and preservation of the marine environment
US Textual Proposals, Section 1

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27TH SESSION: COUNCIL -
PART II**

Informal Working Group - Environment

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete.

1. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:

United States

2. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.

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3. Kindly provide the proposed amendments to the regulation or standard or guideline in the text box below, using the “track changes” function in Microsoft Word. Please only reproduce the parts of the text that are being amended or deleted.

1. ~~A The~~ Contractor, ~~through the~~ pursuant to its Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan required under Regulation 48, shall observe, measure, evaluate and analyse, (...) the environmental metrics relative to thresholds contained in the Standards, risks or effects of pollution and other hazards to the ~~m~~Marine ~~e~~Environment ~~of arising from~~ the mining operation following the approval of the Plan of Work. It shall keep under surveillance, during all stages of the mining life cycle, the effects of the mining operation to determine whether it is having or likely to have harmful effects on the ~~m~~Marine ~~e~~Environment.

3. The Contractor shall report annually in writing in accordance with these regulations to the Secretary-General on the implementation and results of the an environmental management and monitoring programme plan referred to in paragraph 2, in accordance with regulation 38, paragraph 2(g), and shall submit release publicly, in an accessible format consistent with best scientific practices, at monthly intervals, data and information in the required standardized format, and in accordance with the relevant applicable Standards, and taking into account the relevant-applicable Guidelines ~~and recommendations issued by the Commission~~.

4. Please indicate the rationale for the proposal. [150 word limit]

In paragraph 1, we propose the addition of text to specify that monitoring of metrics of pollution and other hazards relative to thresholds contained in the Standards be required, as it is vital that the current metrics of pollution and other hazards, and any current harmful effects, be continuously monitored, in addition to anticipating potential harmful effects to the marine environment through the evaluation of risks and effects.

Additionally in paragraph 1, we recommend that the text specify that the effects of the mining operation will be kept under surveillance during all stages of the mining life cycle, including during production and following site closure.

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Finally, in paragraph 3, we suggest that “consistent with best scientific practices” be added, as data and information must be prepared according to best scientific practices in order to be interpretable and useable by the Authority and others.