

RCW 78.56.160 Moratorium on use of heap leach extraction process
—Joint review by department of ecology and department of natural
resources—Permanent prohibition of in situ extraction. (1) Until
June 30, 1996, there shall be a moratorium on metals mining and
milling operations using the heap leach extraction process. The
department of natural resources and the department of ecology shall
jointly review the existing laws and regulations pertaining to the
heap leach extraction process for their adequacy in safeguarding the
environment.

(2) Metals mining using the process of in situ extraction is
permanently prohibited in the state of Washington. [1998 c 245 s 161;
1994 c 232 s 16.]