Panel to discuss Eagle Mine permit issues

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MARQUETTE. - One week before a Michigan Department of Environmental Quality hearing on a groundwater discharge permit for the Eagle Mine, grassroots groups and Save the Wild U.P. assembled a panel Tuesday to educate the public on numerous instances of state pollution permit levels being exceeded at the mine since 2010.

The Town Hall will be at 7 p.m. on the lower level of the market, adjacent to the Keweenaw Brewing Co. The panel will include former federal officials and U.P. citizen groups.

The panel will discuss permits exceeding levels, violations, health impact studies, and other pollution issues.

The DEQ hearing on the Eagle Mine permit will be at 6 p.m. March 19 at Westwood High School in Ishpeming Township. The session will begin with DEQ officials answering questions about the permit proposal. Testimony will then take the public.

The DEQ hearing is being held to discuss state pollution permit levels which, according to Save the Wild U.P., are violated multiple times.

The panelists include former federal officials and grassroots groups.

The panel will be moderated by John Kider, a news editor at The Mining Journal.

For more information, call Save the Wild U.P. at 487-2343.