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Hecla and its critics have diametrically opposed views on the effects of the current tailings system and future expansion on water quality in Hawk Inlet. There is only one way to resolve this conflict:

Require a baseline study by a third party not controlled by Hecla; and require ongoing analysis of water quality and effects on wildlife by a neutral third party, all before expansion can occur.

The old saying remains true: You get out of it what you inspect in it.