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Thank you for the chance to comment.

Wild rice must be protected, as it is critically important for Minnesota and especially Indigenous Tribes in Minnesota, who have been stewards of this land for millennia. The requested permits to increase more sulfates from the iron ore plants must not be granted. While jobs are certainly important, the old trope of pitting workers against the environment is tiresome and wrong. If anything is needed, a better solution would be for the state of MN to help pay for pollution control equipment needed to protect wild rice.