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Wild rice (manoomin) is sacred to the Anishinaabe and an ecological indicator for water quality. We must ensure the MPCA does not allow mines and other industries to discharge uncontrolled pollution for another half a century. To continue with policies and practices that destroy this sacred and vital food source undermines current efforts sweeping across Indian country to return to traditional, healthy foods to address chronic health conditions. Equally concerning is the environmental impact on our waters and our lives. There is NO alternative to water. As the future of water goes, so go we!