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I am writing to urge the MPCA to enforce the existing maximum parts per million of sulfates for bodies of water producing wild rice. I understand there is no prescription for maintaining that standard, due to variability of circumstances, but I am especially concerned with mining tailing ponds, which have recently been the cause of impairment for some of the listed 35 lakes. Mining tailing ponds must be dismantled, strengthened or moved to watersheds that can't impair wild rice waters. There is no water body in Minnesota that can, or should, accept any more sulfates.