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Wild rice (manoomin) is sacred to the Anishinaabe and is Minnesota's state grain, an important food for wildlife and humans, and an ecological indicator for water quality. The same sulfate pollution that kills wild rice also increases toxic mercury contamination of fish.

We must ensure the MPCA does not allow mines and other industries to discharge uncontrolled pollution for another half a century.

Please begin enforcing existing laws on this issue-it is long overdue!