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Sulfate and mercury. Sulfate pollution increases toxic mercury contamination of fish due to the release of mercury from sediments and increased mercury methylation. MPCA must consider the effects of lax sulfate standard enforcement on mercury and methylmercury. Minnesota is proud of its sportsmen fishing the State takes in Millions of dollars every year with tourism and residence fishing... Don't ruin it... Also Protect low-sulfate waters. Many of Minnesota's most abundant wild rice stands in the Boundary Waters, the Lake Superior watershed, and north-central Minnesota (including the Big Sandy Lake area) have far less than 10 ppm of sulfate. MPCA permitting should not allow sulfate in these wild rice waters to increase even if the degraded level of sulfate remains just below the standard.