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Dear MPCA:

Please do what you can to preserve and protect wild rice and wild rice habitat from pollution sources such as sulfate mining. Wild rice is an important food source for the region and the world.

Not only does my family purchase and eat wild rice from Minnesota, but have found it has a long shelf life. When so many other crops have failed due to climate change, it is more important than ever to sustain this crop and to help avoid future food shortages.

Of course, sulfate mining in MN will permanently destroy a large area in which wild rice is situated -- everyone knows that. Do the tight thing and halt mining efforts. The argument that sulfate is needed for e-cars is ridiculous when so many mass transportation and airplane options already exist.

I trust MPCA will argue on behalf of citizens of our state to stop sulfur mining and stop any debate about introducing it.

Sincerely,

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