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Site exemptions are not needed and would be very difficult to enforce as well as mitigate any damage as a result of a failure or application of poor science. This approach sets a dangerous precedent for protecting and managing wild rice throughout the state. It is unrealistic to assume site specific standards can be determined to protect individual water bodies without holding all water bodies in mind. There is no minimum sulfide threshold that can guarantee true safety and protection of wild rice without many years of scientific study and evaluation for every site.